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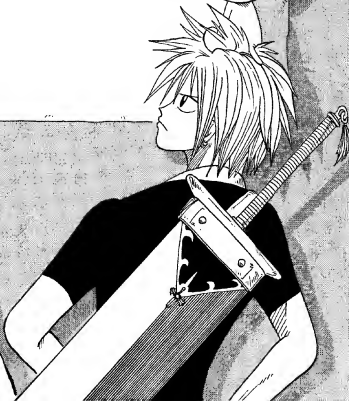
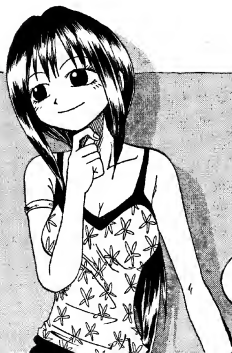
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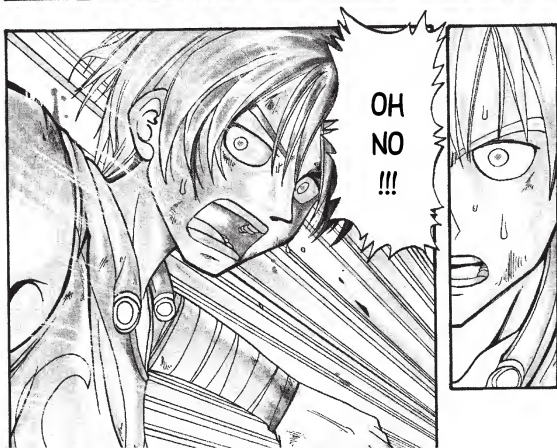
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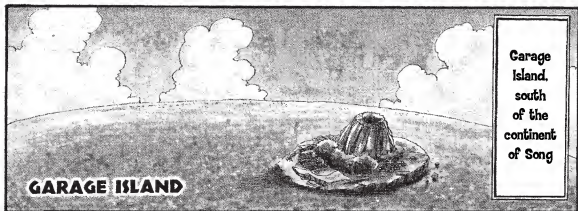


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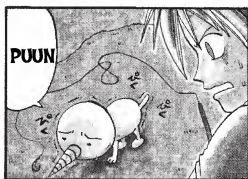
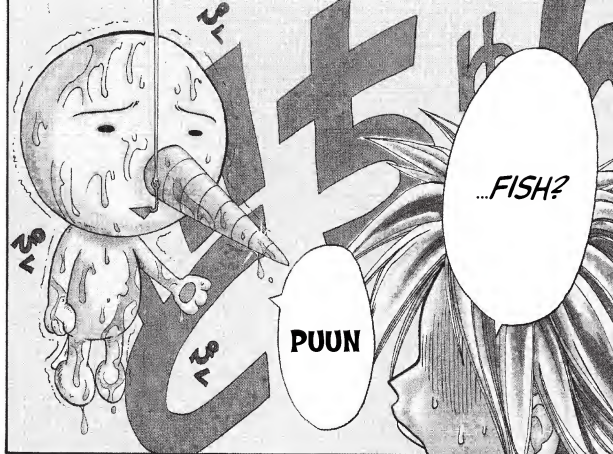


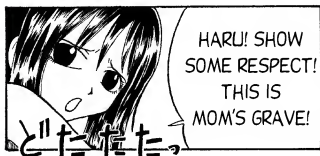
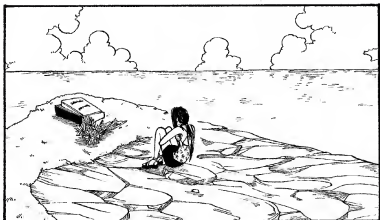


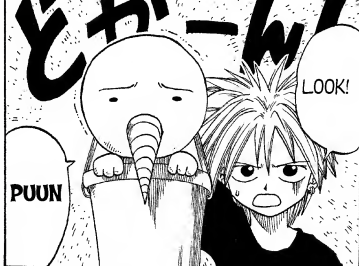
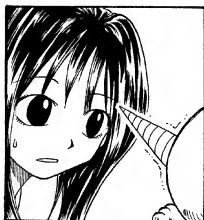
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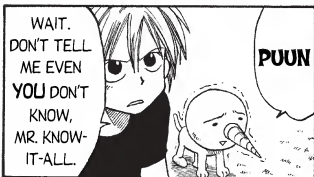
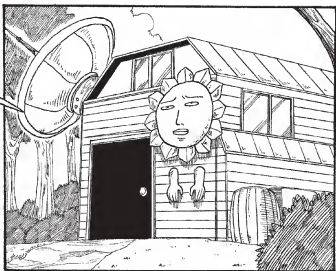
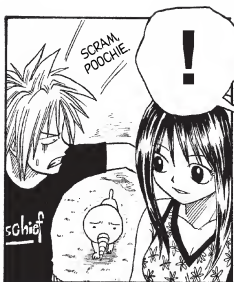


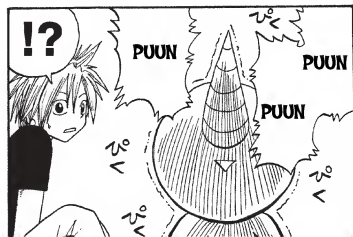
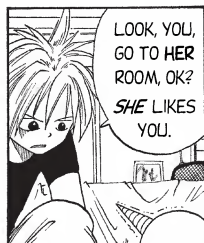
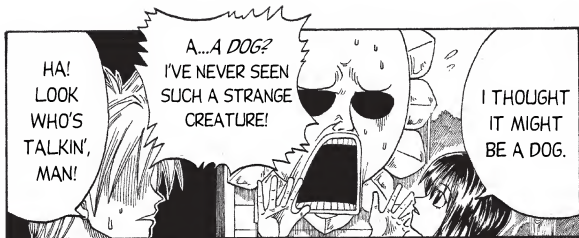


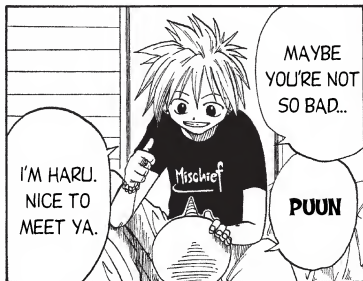
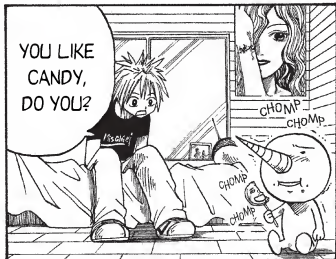


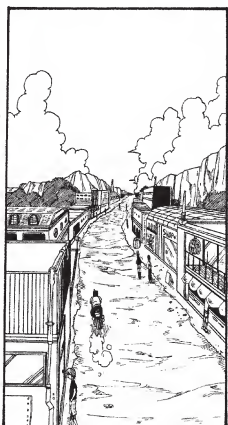
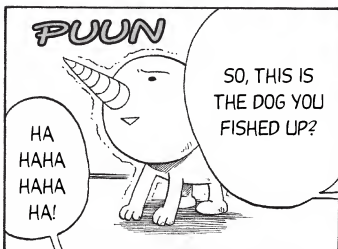


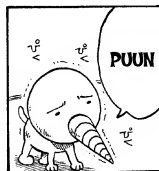
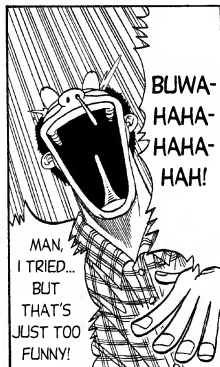


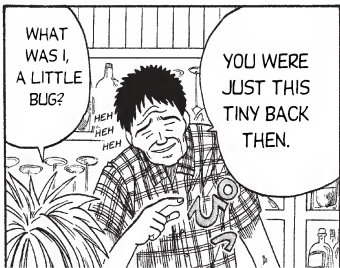
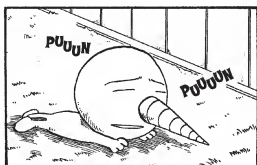
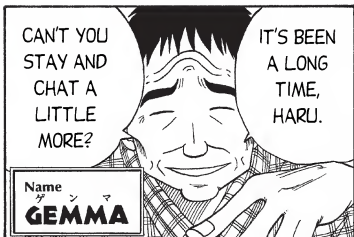
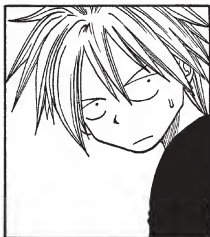








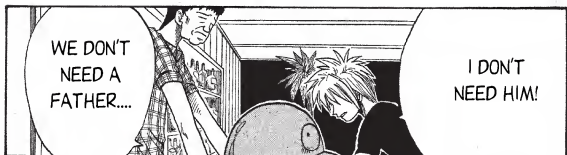






GEMMA!







THAT'S RIGHT.
NO ONE ON THIS
ISLAND CAN
BEAT YOU.



THAT'S WHY
I'VE BEEN
TRAINING
EVERY DAY.



HEH
HEH HEH

SHABU-
TARO
...

YOU BETTER
HURRY, SHA-
SHABU-



NO BIG
DEAL.

SORRY FOR
HOLDING
YOU UP.

POUN



SHABUTARO...

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

BUWAH
HA
HAHA-
HAHA-
HA!!

SIGH...

LATER.





HARU...

NOW WHERE HAVE
I HEARD THAT NAME...

HMM... I FORGET.



UM, DID
YOU LIVE
ON THIS
ISLAND?



I'M
GEMMA!
SHEESH!



WELL,
ANYWAY,
BOTOHN...



BUT...SOMETHING
HAPPENED. I'VE BEEN
TRAVELING AROUND THE
WORLD EVER SINCE.
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE
BACK IN THE AREA,
SO I DECIDED TO VISIT.



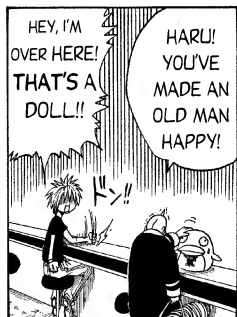
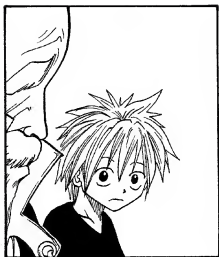
MMM...
I DID. A
VERY LONG
TIME AGO.

MIS-
TER!



I MISS
THIS
PLACE...







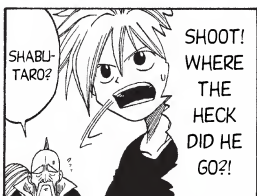
SHABU-
TARO
IS GONE!

A
A
A
A
U
G
H
!!



YOUR
DOG?

YEAH...
HE'S MY
DOG.



SHABU-
TARO?

SHOOT!
WHERE
THE
HECK
DID HE
GO?!

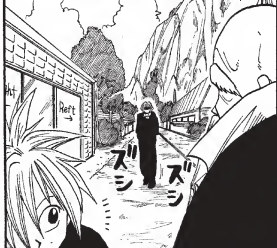


HA!
WHAT A
STRANGE
DOG!

HE LOVES CANDY.
IF I PUT THIS HERE
AND WAIT FOR HIM,
HE'LL COME BACK.



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?







SHUT
YOUR
MOUTH,
BOY!



STOP
THAT!



UGH!



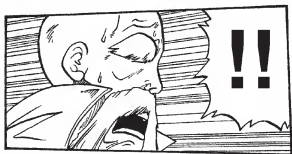
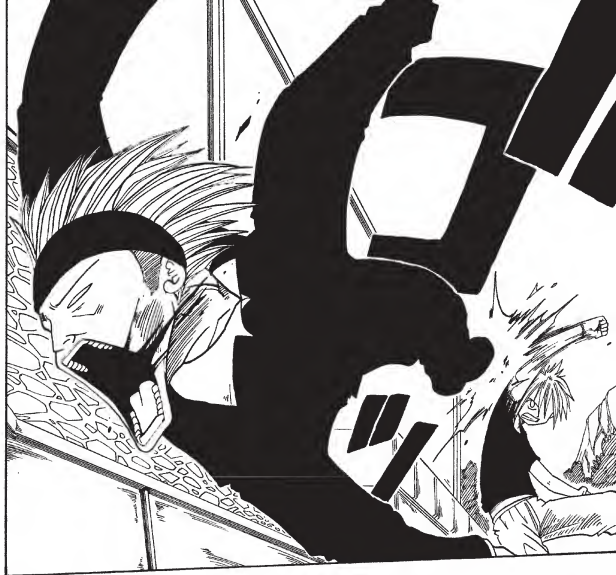
HA
HA
HA!

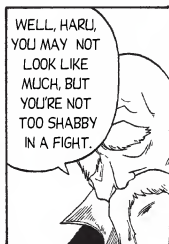
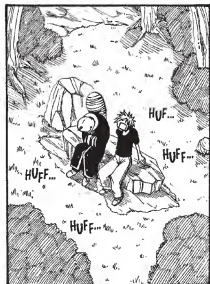
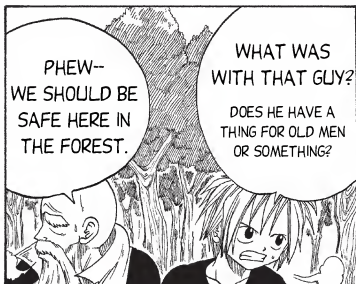
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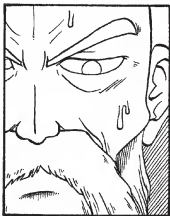
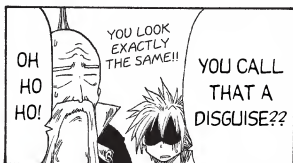
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
HARU?
PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER!

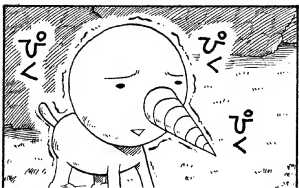
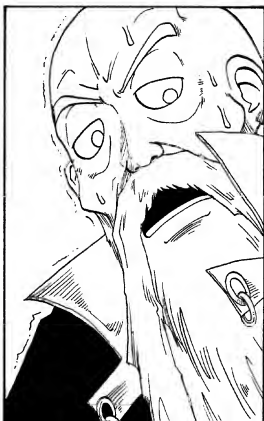


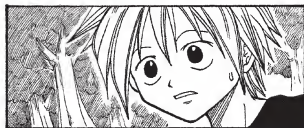




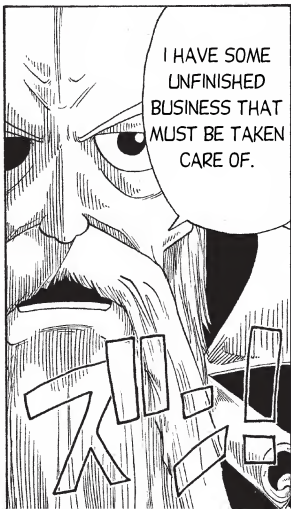
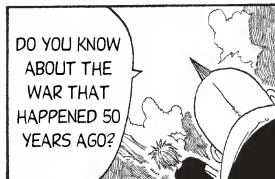


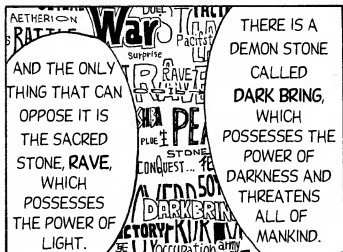






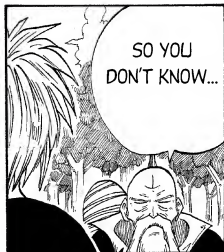




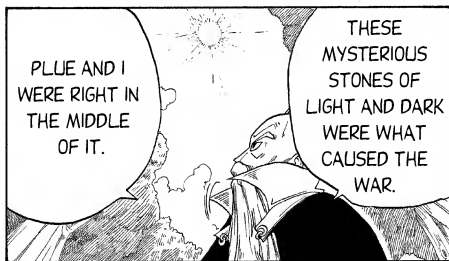


AND THE ONLY
THING THAT CAN
OPPOSE IT IS
THE SACRED
STONE, RAVE,
WHICH
POSSESSES
THE POWER OF
LIGHT.

THERE IS A
DEMON STONE
CALLED
DARK BRING,
WHICH
POSSESSES THE
POWER OF
DARKNESS AND
THREATENS
ALL OF
MANKIND.



SO YOU
DON'T KNOW...



PLUE AND I
WERE RIGHT IN
THE MIDDLE
OF IT.

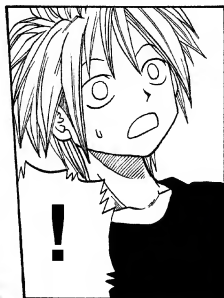
THESE
MYSTERIOUS
STONES OF
LIGHT AND DARK
WERE WHAT
CAUSED THE
WAR.



RAVE?



← 50 YEARS AGO





SHIBA



LET'S GO,
BLUE!!



THIS IS
THE LAST
DARK BRING.





THE WAR
IS OVER.



THAT EXPLOSION WAS THE LEGENDARY...

...OVERDRIVE!

THE DARK BRING...

...ESCAPED.

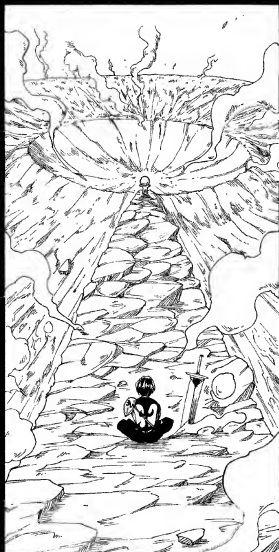
A TENTH OF THE WORLD
WAS DESTROYED.

THE DARK BRING
WAS STILL
ALIVE...

I HAD BEEN
CARELESS...

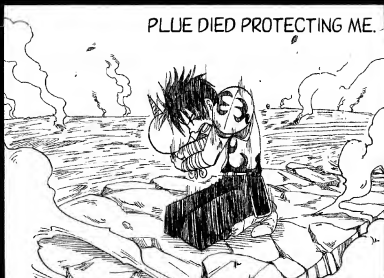
PLUE HAD SENSED THIS...

...AND...

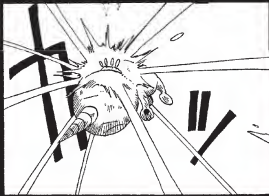


BUT JUST THEN...

RAVE STARTED
TO SHINE!

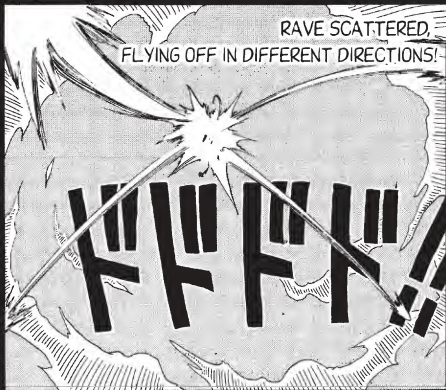


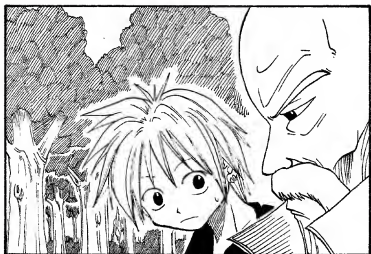
PLUE DIED PROTECTING ME.



AND PLUE
DISAPPEARED
AS WELL...

RAVE SCATTERED,
FLYING OFF IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!





AND THE ONLY
THING THAT
CAN STAND
AGAINST IT IS
RAVE!

THE DARK BRING
THAT ESCAPED 50
YEARS AGO WHEN
THE OVERDRIVE
HAPPENED HAS
FINALLY AWAKENED.



...BECAUSE OF MY
CARELESSNESS.

THIS IS
ALL...





SO I MUST
DESTROY THE
DARK BRING!

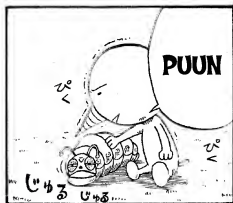
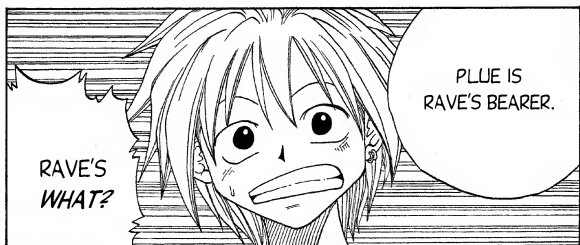
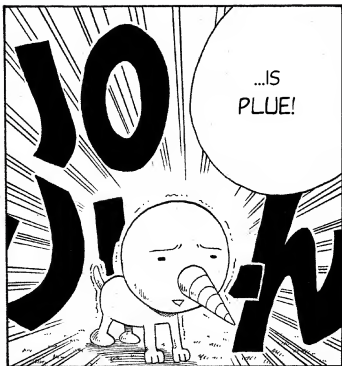


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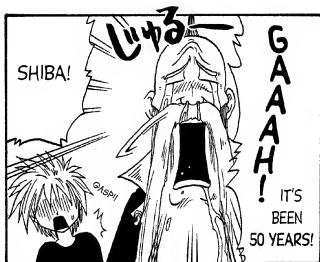


AND THE
ONLY ONE
WHO KNOWS
WHERE THE
PIECES ARE...

BUT TO DO THAT,
FIRST I HAVE TO
FIND ALL THE
MISSING PIECES
OF RAVE.



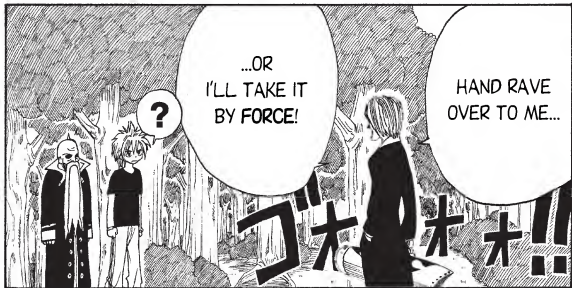






HOW DARE
YOU MAKE
A FOOL
OF ME.

SO, YOU
WERE SHIBA
ALL ALONG...



...OR
I'LL TAKE IT
BY FORCE!

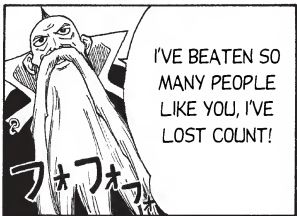
HAND RAVE
OVER TO ME...

ゴォォォ!!



DON'T TRY
AND ACT
TOUGH,
YOU OLD
FOOL.

HMPH.



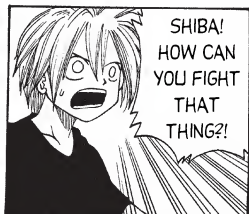
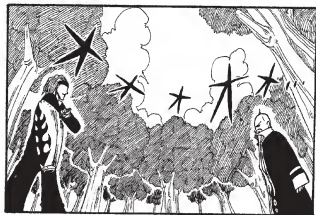
I'VE BEATEN SO
MANY PEOPLE
LIKE YOU, I'VE
LOST COUNT!

フォォォ





HARU...
YOU'D BETTER
TAKE COVER.

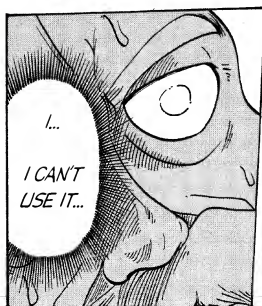
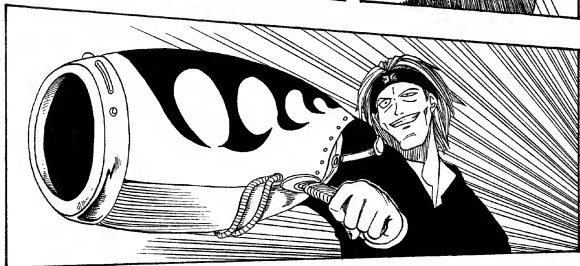


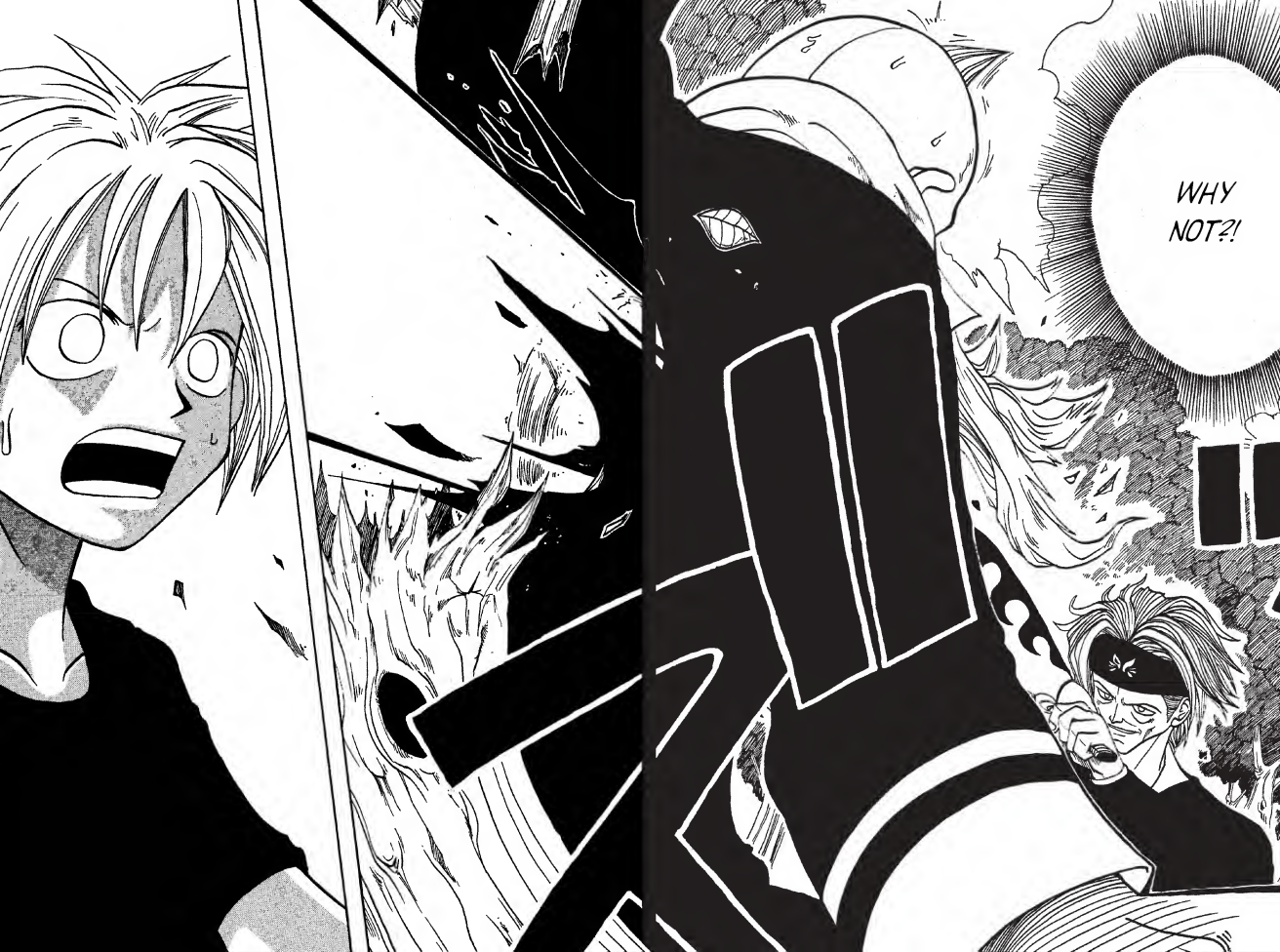
SHIBA!
HOW CAN
YOU FIGHT
THAT
THING?!



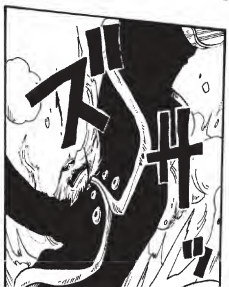
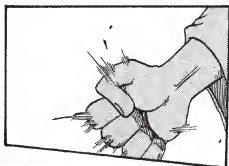
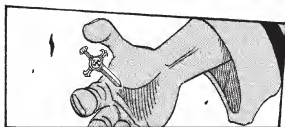
BRING
IT ON,
SHIBA!

LEAVE THIS
ISLAND, NOW!





WHY
NOT?!



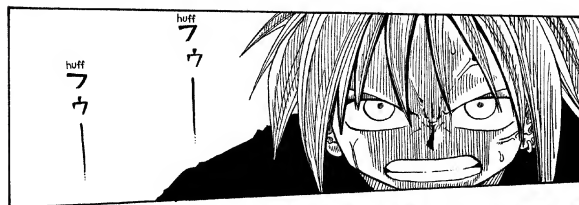
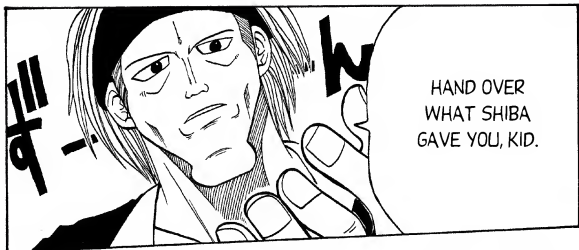
WHAT ELSE
DID YOU
EXPECT FROM
THIS FINE
WEAPON?

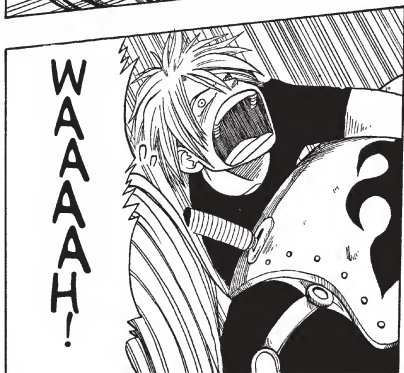
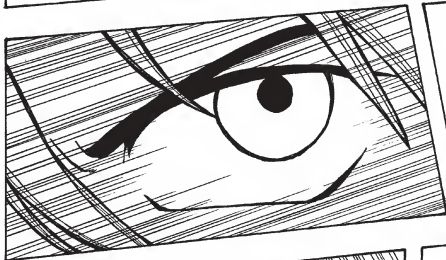
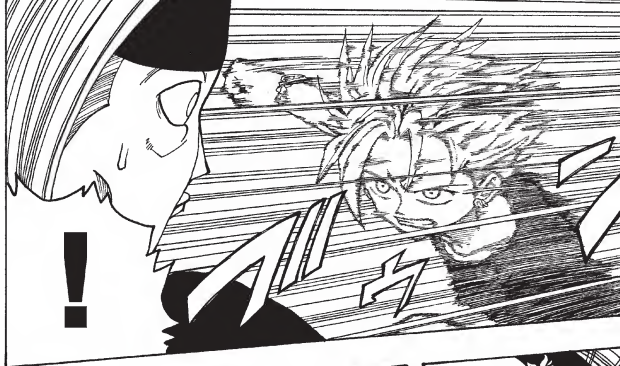
SHIBAAAA!!





MY SISTER
TAUGHT ME
BETTER THAN
THAT!!!







WHAT IN
THE--?!!



E E E P !



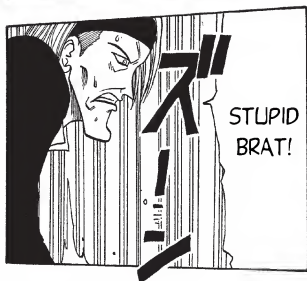
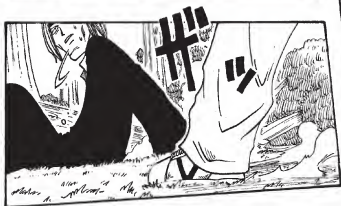
A A A A A !!!

WHA--
?!!



ズボッ

GEH!





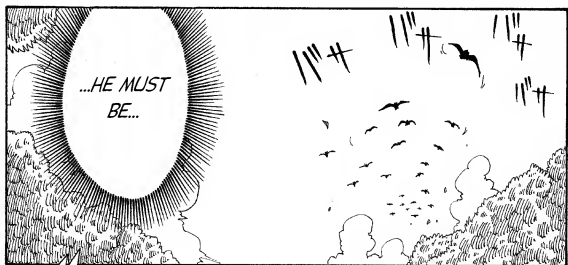
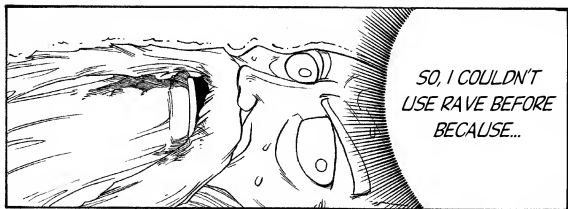
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT.

WH...WHAT
INCREDIBLE
POWER.



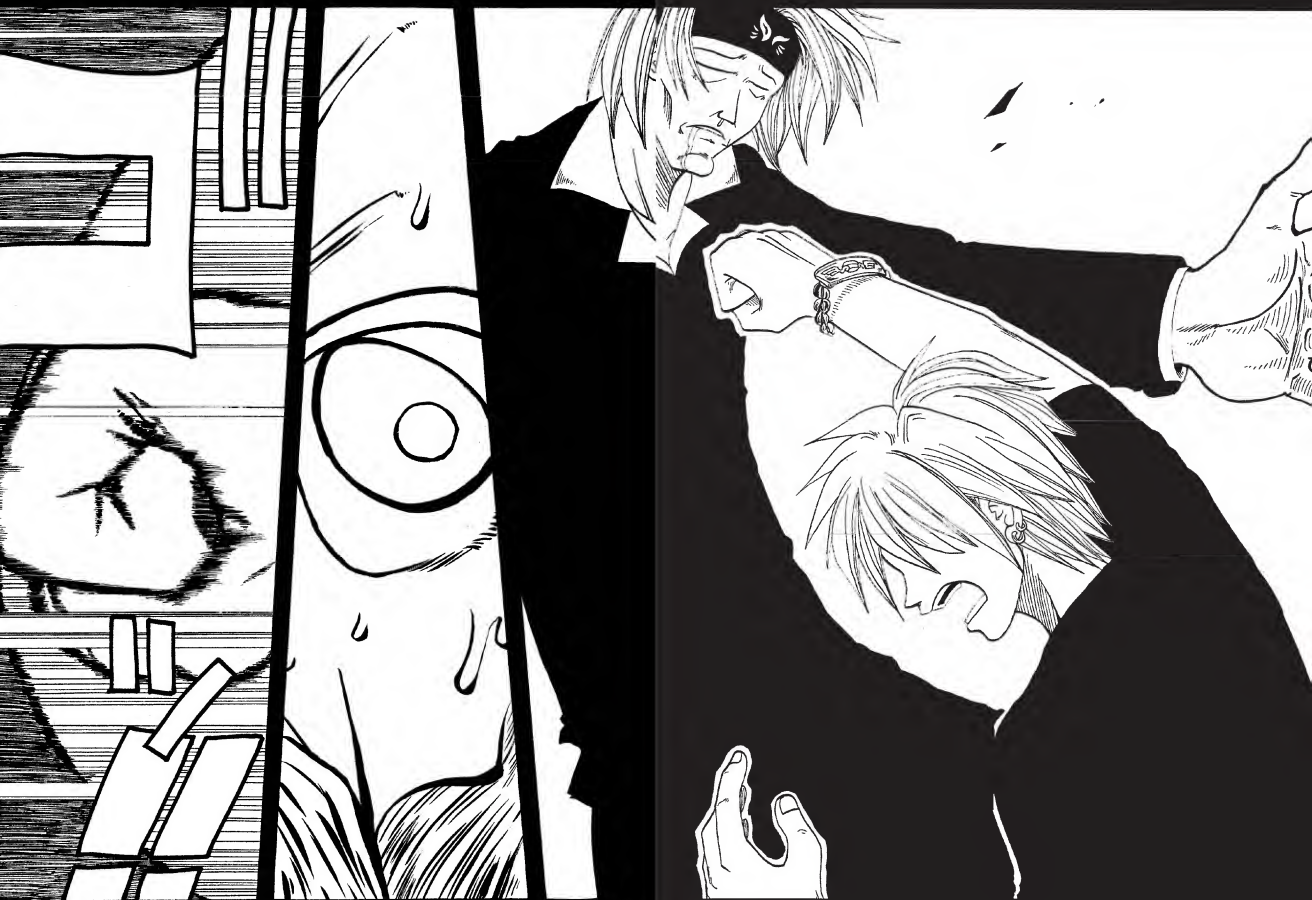
HARU...?



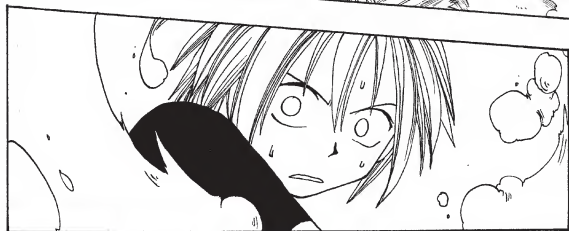


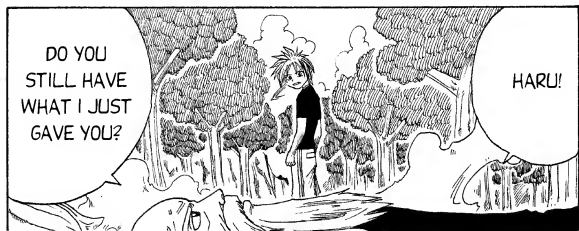
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!!!

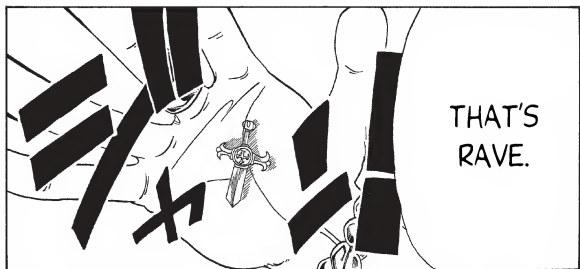












THAT'S
RAVE.



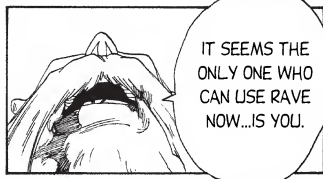
!!



THAT
WAS
RAVE'S
POWER.

UGH...

WHY DID IT
EXPLODE?

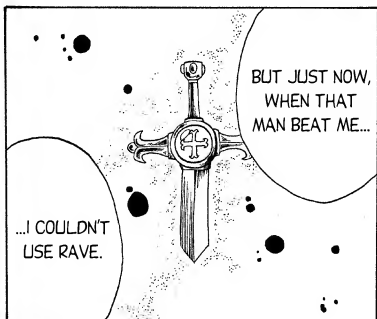


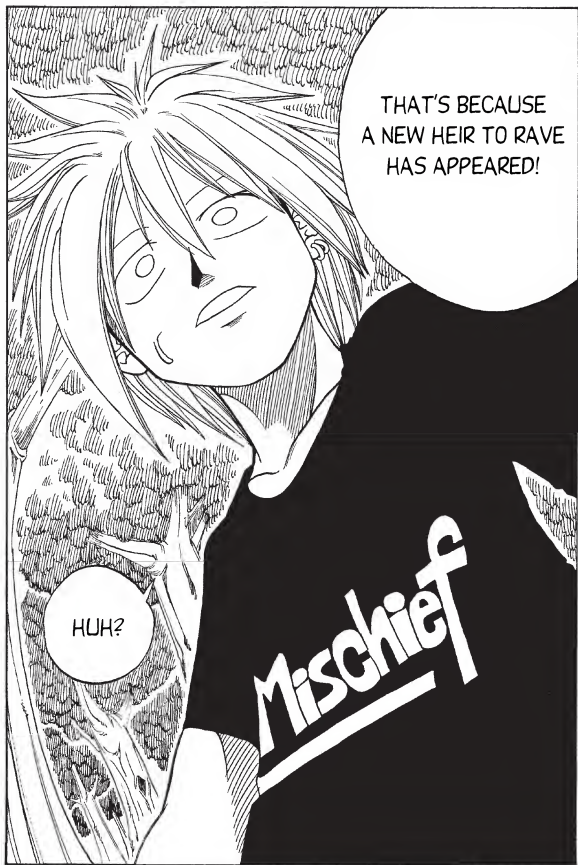
IT SEEMS THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN USE RAVE
NOW...IS YOU.



THIS...
IS RAVE?

YES...





...is the
sacred
stone.
RAVE.

RAVE



is
DARK
BRING

The demon
stone, Dark
Bring, rules
over all that
is evil. And
the only light
that can
oppose it...

...now, 50
years later.
Dark Bring
has awakened
once more by
the sinister
organization
Demon Card.



Dark Bring had
once been broken
in a war and
the pieces
scattered, but...

レイヴ
RAVE

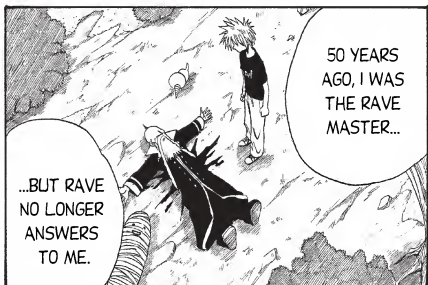
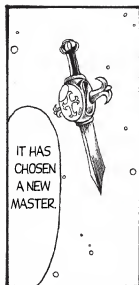
The one
standing
next to
Shiba,
however
...



...lost
that
power,
and was
beaten.



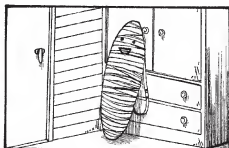
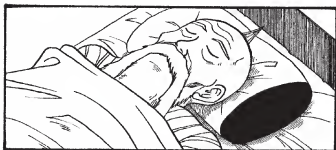
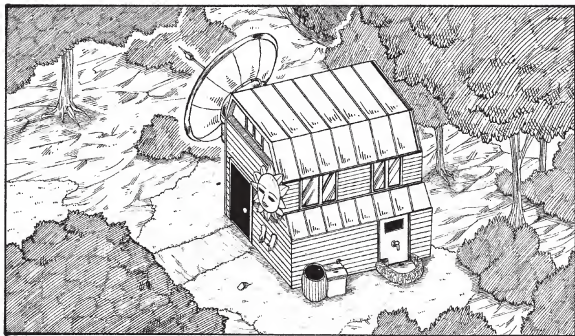
But Shiba,
the only one
who could
use Rave...



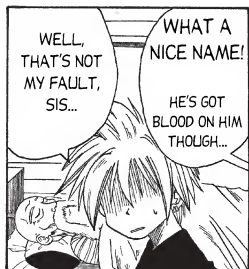
RAVE MASTER

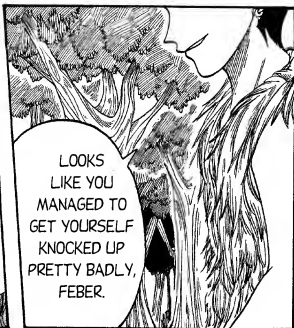
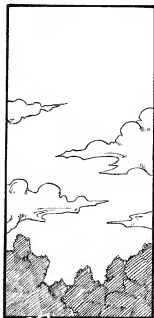


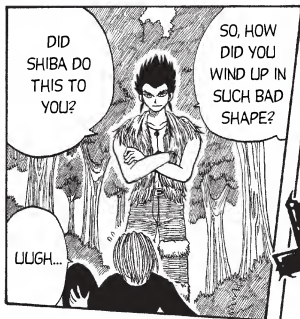
RAVE: 2  GUIDING BELL







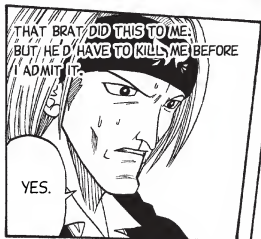




DID
SHIBA DO
THIS TO
YOU?

SO, HOW
DID YOU
WIND UP IN
SUCH BAD
SHAPE?

UUGH...



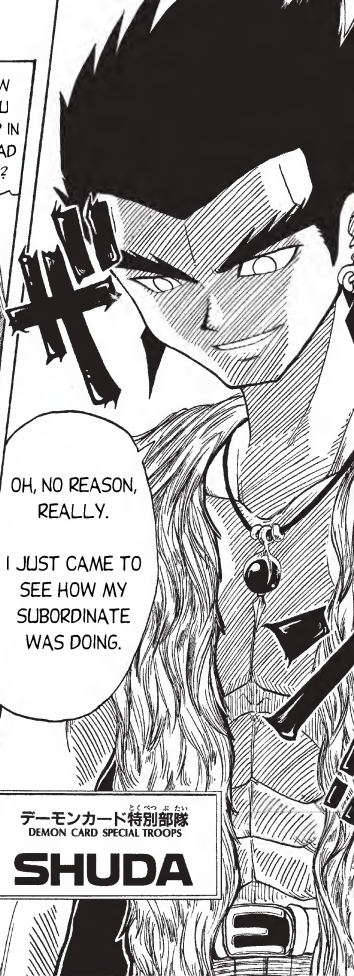
THAT BRAT DID THIS TO ME.
BUT HE'D HAVE TO KILL ME BEFORE
I ADMIT IT.

YES.



NO
WONDER.

I SEE...

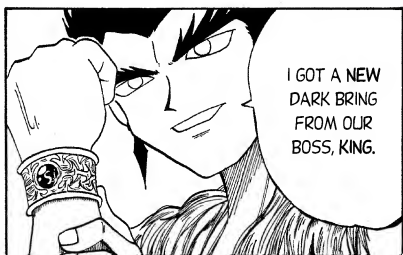


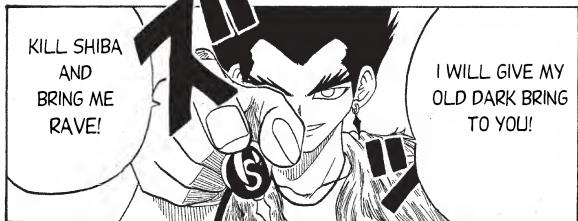
OH, NO REASON,
REALLY.

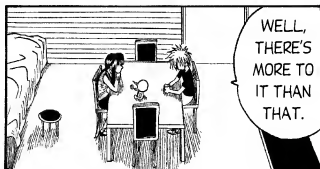
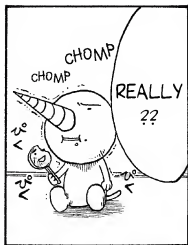
I JUST CAME TO
SEE HOW MY
SUBORDINATE
WAS DOING.

デーモンカード^{とくべつぶたい}特別部隊
DEMON CARD SPECIAL TROOPS

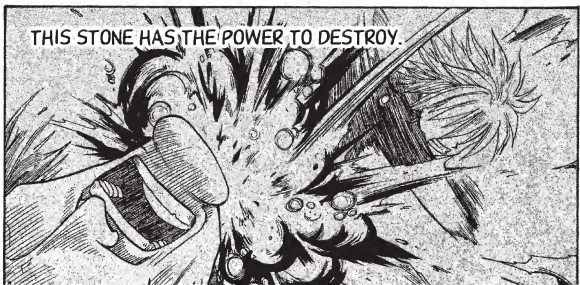
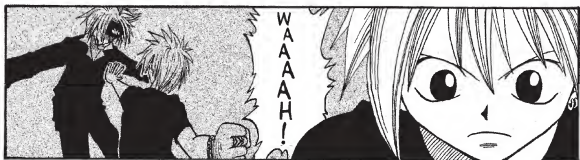
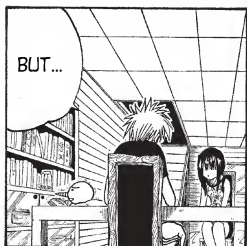
SHUDA

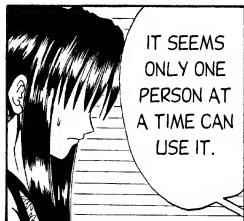




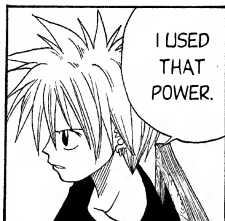


WHEN
SHIBA
WAS
BEATEN...





IT SEEMS
ONLY ONE
PERSON AT
A TIME CAN
USE IT.



I USED
THAT
POWER.

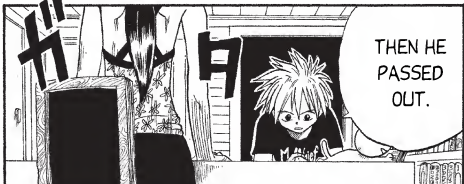


AND I
RECEIVED IT
INSTEAD.

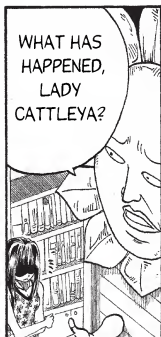
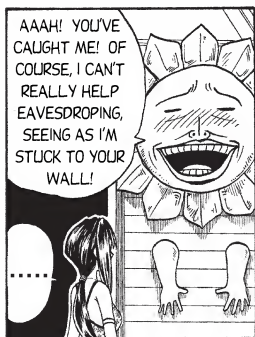
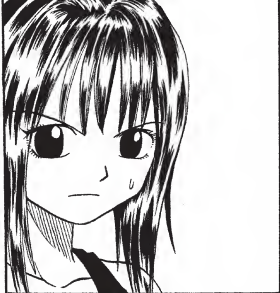
SHIBA HAD BEEN
THAT PERSON,
BUT THEN HE
LOST THAT
POWER.



HE CALLED
THE STONE...
RAVE.



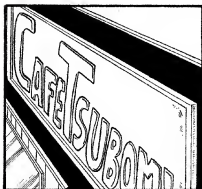




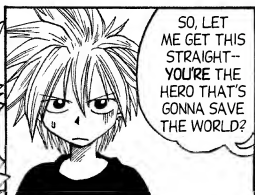
HE FOLLOWS
EVERYTHING I
SAY, EVEN WHEN
I OVER-REACT.

NO, IT'S JUST
THAT...

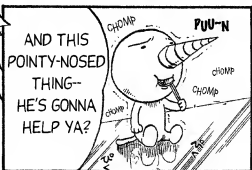
HE'S TOO
GOOD OF A
KID.



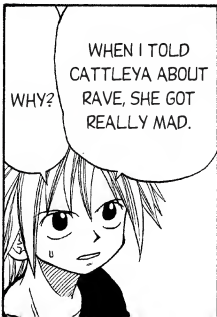
BUWA
HAHA-
HAHA-
HAH!
!!



SO, LET
ME GET THIS
STRAIGHT--
YOU'RE THE
HERO THAT'S
GONNA SAVE
THE WORLD?



AND THIS
POINTY-NOSED
THING--
HE'S GONNA
HELP YA?



AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE HER
ONLY FAMILY.

MAYBE
SHE THOUGHT YOU
WOULD LEAVE AND
NEVER COME BACK?

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE
DOESN'T WANT YOU TO
LEAVE HER.

YEAH.
THANKS.

I'LL TELL
HIM TO STOP
TELLING
KIDS CRAZY
STORIES.

IF THAT
OLD MAN
WAKES UP,
TELL HIM
TO STOP BY
MY SHOP.

I
GUESS
SO...

HE...HMPF
HMPF--
HE ATE...
THAT
DOLL...

WHAT
THE
HECK
ARE YOU
EATING?

PUUN

LET'S
GO HOME,
PLUE.

BE
CAREFUL
OR YOU'LL
DIE
LAUGHING,
GEMMA.

IS THAT REALLY
A DOG??

BUWA
HAHA
HAHA
HAH!
!!

ブーモン

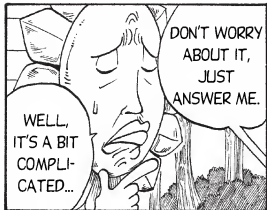


A LOT?
WELL, YOU
MIGHT SAY
THAT. I
USED TO
BE QUITE
THE--

SO YOU
MUST KNOW
A LOT ABOUT
THINGS
OUTSIDE
THE ISLAND,
RIGHT?



HEY,
NAKAJIMA,
YOU USED TO
LIVE IN A BIG
CITY, RIGHT?



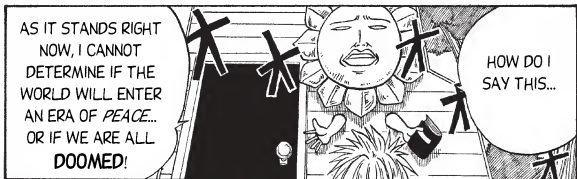
WELL,
IT'S A BIT
COMPLI-
CATED...

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT,
JUST
ANSWER ME.



WHY DO
YOU ASK?

IS THE
WORLD AT
PEACE
RIGHT NOW?



AS IT STANDS RIGHT
NOW, I CANNOT
DETERMINE IF THE
WORLD WILL ENTER
AN ERA OF PEACE...
OR IF WE ARE ALL
DOOMED!

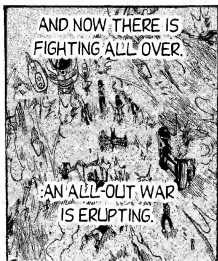
HOW DO I
SAY THIS...

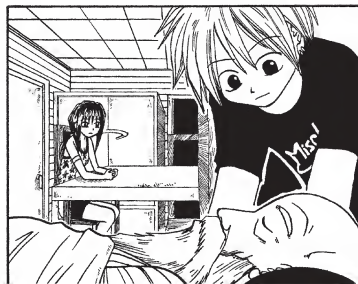
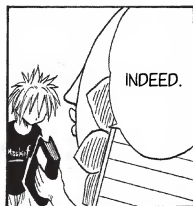


IT ALL DEPENDS ON
THE ORGANIZATION
CALLED
DEMON CARD AND
THE DARK BRING.

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO
MEAN?

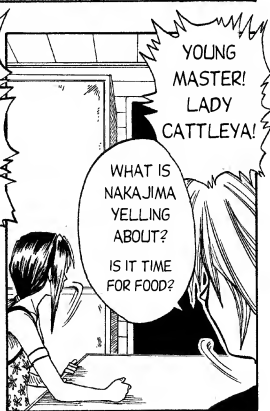




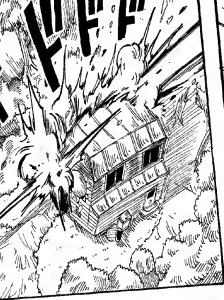


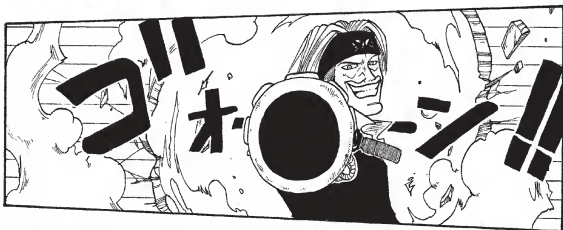


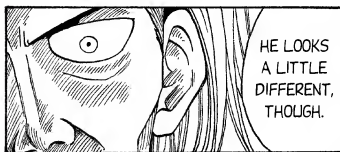
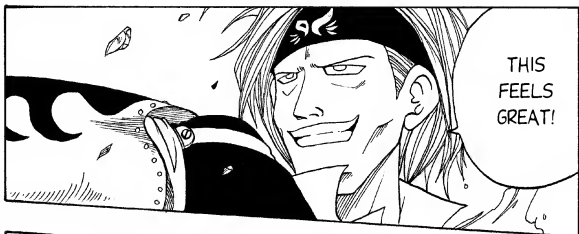
G...GET OUT OF HERE! HURRY!

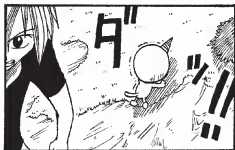
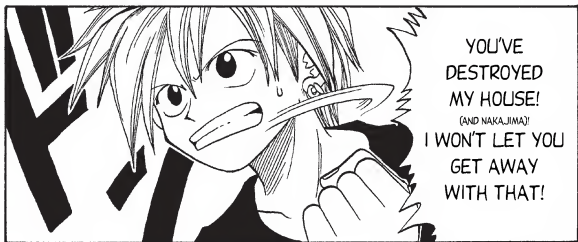


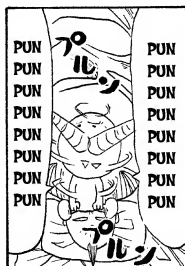
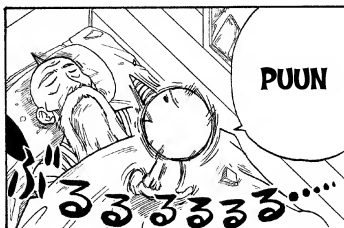
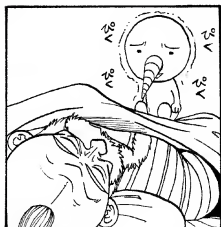
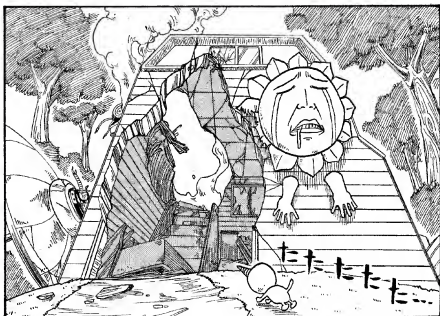
WHAT IS NAKAJIMA YELLING ABOUT?
IS IT TIME FOR FOOD?







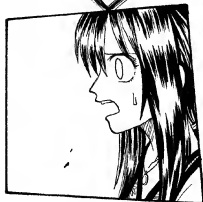








TAKE
THIS!



WH-WHAT
HAPPENED
?

I DON'T
KNOW... IT
FELT HARD...
LIKE I HIT
METAL OR
SOMETHING.



OOW
!!



OH, DID I
SURPRISE
YOU?

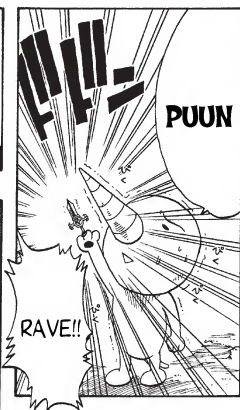


HE
HEHE...



HIS
BODY IS
SHINING!

WHAT
THE
HECK?





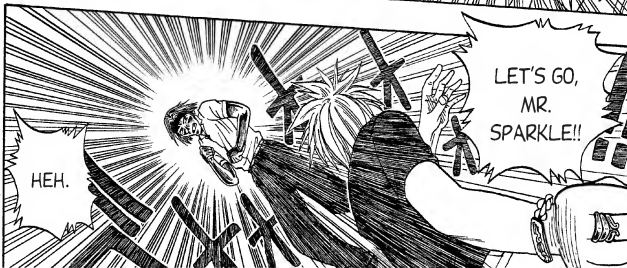
HEH, HEH.
YOU'RE NOT THE
ONLY ONE WITH
A POWER STONE!
I'LL SHOW YOU
MY EXPLOSIVE
POWERS AGAIN!



HARU!!

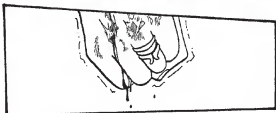
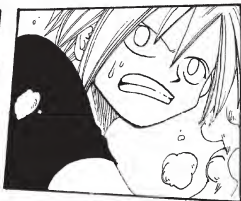
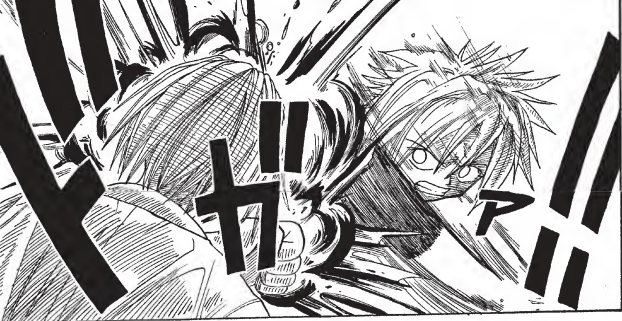


SO YOU
HAVE
RAVE?



HEH.

LET'S GO,
MR.
SPARKLE!!



BEHOLD
THE POWER
OF DARK
BRING!

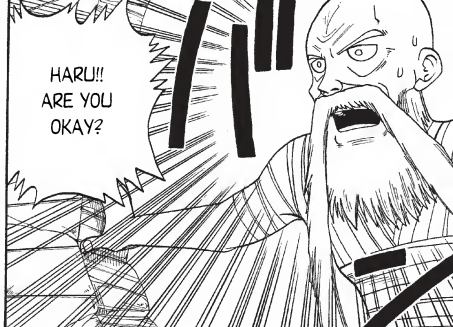
BWAHA
HAHAHA!
EXCELLENT!



AW, SNAP!
IT DIDN'T
WORK?



SHIBA!!



HARU!!
ARE YOU
OKAY?

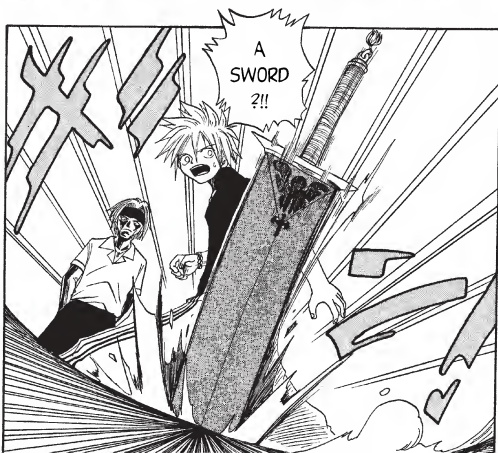


YOU CAN'T
GO UP
AGAINST A
DARK BRIG
WITHOUT A
WEAPON!



HE
HEHE...

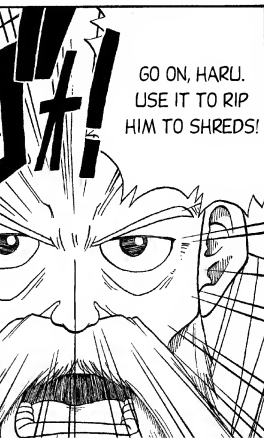
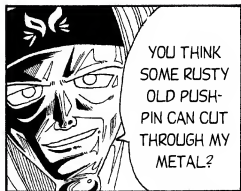
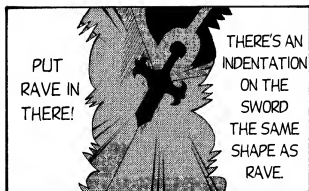
WHAT DO
I DO?
MY ATTACK
DIDN'T EVEN
PHASE THIS
GUY!!

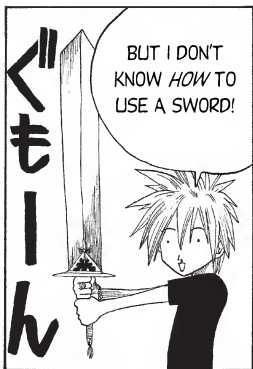


A
SWORD
?!!



USE
THIS!!







IS THAT
THE
BEST
YOU CAN
DO, BOY?



NOW, TO
FIND MORE
THINGS TO
BLOW UP!!
BWAHAHA!

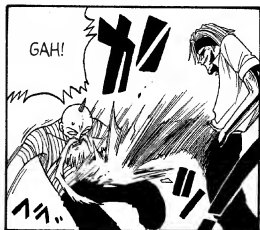


SO WHAT
SHOULD I
DESTROY
NEXT?

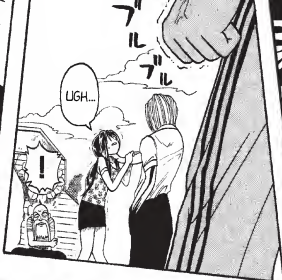


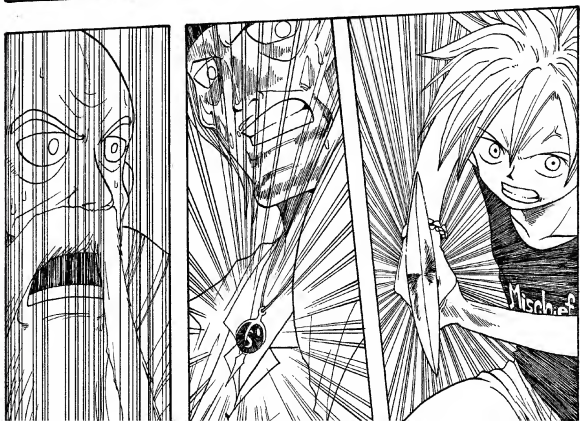
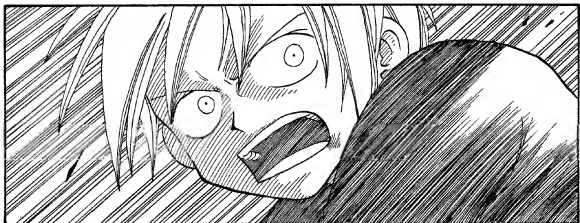
HIS
HEART IS
FILLING
WITH
EVIL.

IS THIS
THE FIRST
TIME HE'S
WIELDED A
DARK BRING?











IT...
IT BLEW
UP.



GYAH
H
!!!!





THAT IS THE
EXPLOSIVE
SWORD,
EXPLOSION!

"TEN POWERS"
IS A SWORD
THAT USES
RAVE'S POWER
TO TAKE TEN
DIFFERENT
FORMS.



THE SWORD!
IT CHANGED
SHAPE!



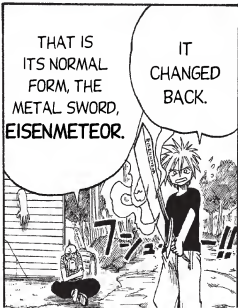
WHOA...
AWESOME.



YEAH.

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
SIS?

JUST ONE
DAY AND
ALREADY HE
CAN USE THE
EXPLOSION
SWORD...



THAT IS
ITS NORMAL
FORM, THE
METAL SWORD,
EISENMETEOR.

IT
CHANGED
BACK.

...JUST MIGHT
BECOME A
GREATER RAVE
MASTER
THAN I WAS.

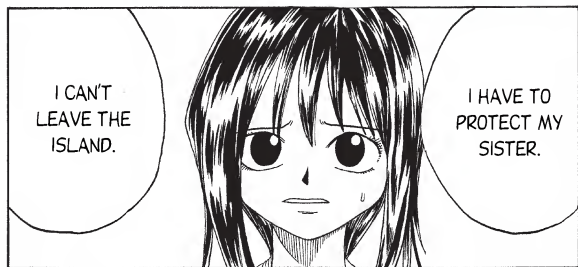
THIS
KID...

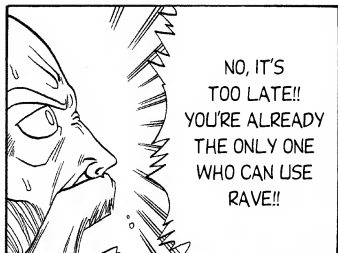
JUST
LEAVE
EVERY-
THING TO
ME!!

YOU'VE
DONE
WELL,
HARU.

SHIBA...

.....





NO, IT'S
TOO LATE!!
YOU'RE ALREADY
THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN USE
RAVE!!



I CAN'T GO.
I'VE GOT TO
TAKE CARE
OF HER.



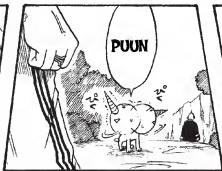
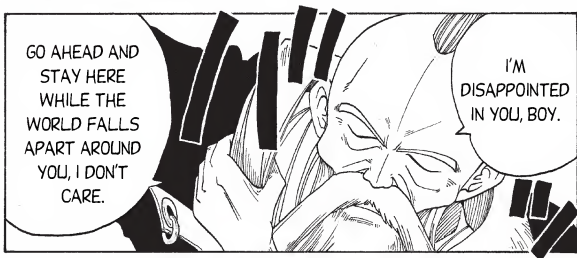
...AND WILL
PLUNGE INTO
DARKNESS,
EVEN THIS
PEACEFUL
ISLAND!

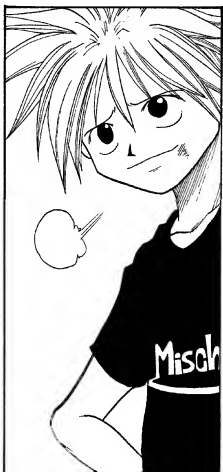
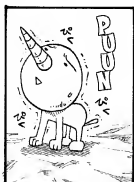
THE ENTIRE
WORLD
WILL BE
UNDER DARK
BRING'S
CONTROL....

THE
MILITARY
WILL BE
CRUSHED BY
DARK BRING.

IF WE DON'T
DO SOME-
THING ABOUT
DEMON CARD,
THERE WILL
BE WAR.



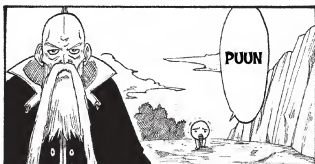
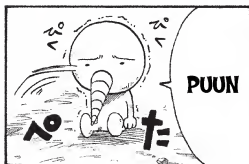


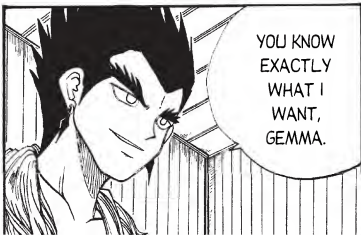


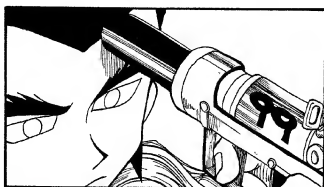
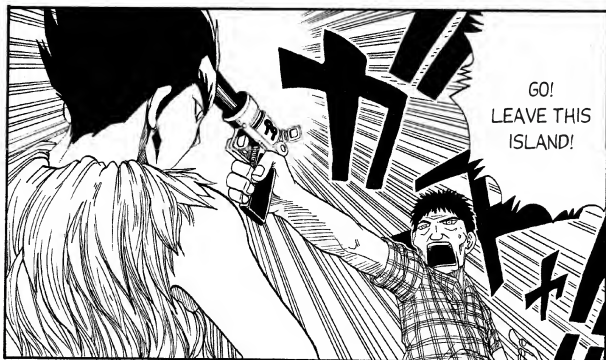
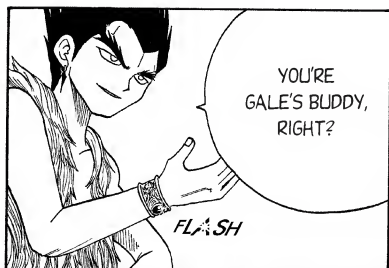
...BUT IS THAT
REALLY THE
RIGHT THING
TO DO?

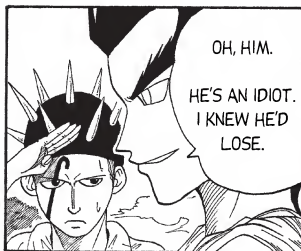
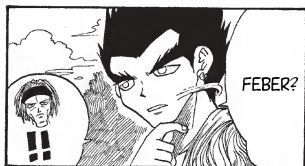
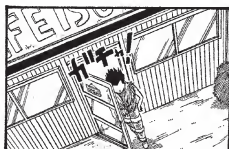


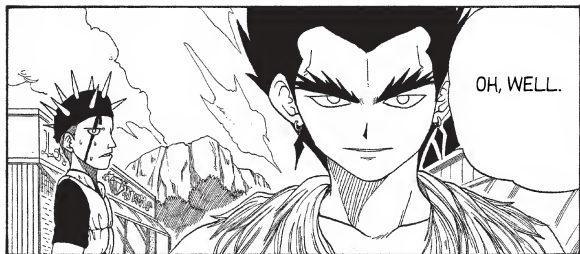
HARU IS
GOING TO
STAY ON THE
ISLAND FOR
MY SAKE...











SECOND RAVE MASTER: HARU

WEAPON: RAVE & SWORD (TEN POWERS)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: JULY 7, 0050 / 16 YEARS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 168CM / 55KG / B

BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND

HOBBIES: WALKING, STARGAZING

SPECIAL SKILLS: GENERAL ATHLETICISM &
CARPENTRY (USED TO BE HIS PART-TIME JOB)

LIKES: HIS SISTER

HATES: BAD PEOPLE

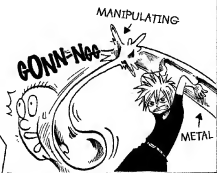
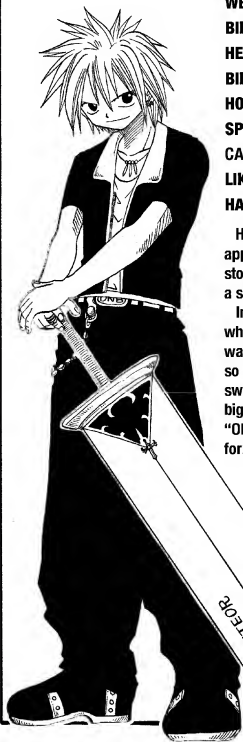
Haru is this comic's hero. I had his name and appearance in mind before I ever began writing the story. The only thing that has changed is his use of a sword.

In the beginning stages, he was an alchemist who could manipulate metal. But then, the different ways he could attack were just way too maniacal, so I gave him a sword instead. Just an ordinary sword isn't very interesting, though. So I made it bigger, but it was still rather boring. Then I thought, "OK then, how about a sword that has ten different forms?!" And so this sword was born.

He's pretty nice...

Tender-hearted, but strong!

That's the kind of boy I wanted to draw.



RAVE'S BEARER: PLUE

WEAPON: NOSE...I MEAN HORN...I MEAN  ← THIS

BIRTHDAY/AGE: UNKNOWN / UNKNOWN

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE:

40CM (WHEN STANDING) / 2.6KG / UNKNOWN

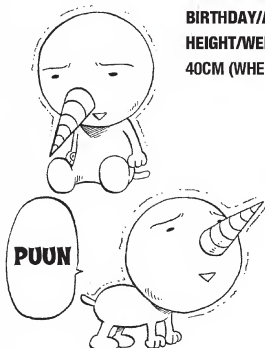
BIRTHPLACE: UNKNOWN

HOBBIES: SLEEPING & EATING

SPECIAL SKILLS: HE CAN PREVENT
WOUNDS AND INJURIES FROM
PROGRESSING (HE CANNOT CURE THEM)

LIKES: CANDY

HATES: BEING HUNGRY



This character I thought up while doodling in middle school, but I never thought he would appear in my comic.

Even I don't remember if I modeled him after a dog or what, so he's kinda mysterious. Incidentally, he may appear simple, but he's actually hard to draw.

**ANSWERS
TO YOUR QUESTIONS
ABOUT RAVE
MASTER**

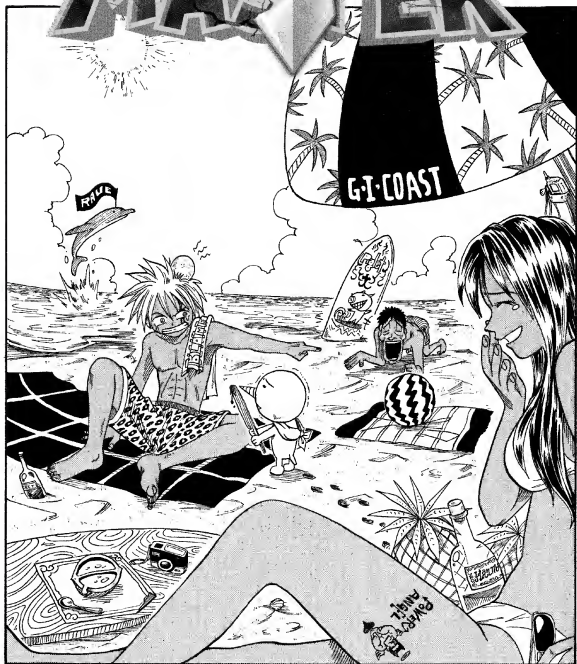
Q. How many Raves are there?

A. Five, including Shiba's

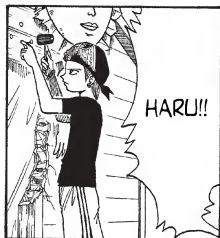
Q. Why is Plue always shaking?

A. It's a secret!

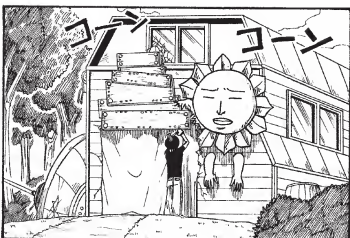
RAVE MASTER



RAVE: 3  RED SIGNAL



HARU!!



UM,
YOUNG
MASTER,
YOU'RE
STABBING
ME...

YO, SHIGE!
WHAT'S
UP?



HARU!



YOU SHOULD
GET OUT OF
HERE!

HARU!
BIG TROUBLE!!
SOME FREAK
IS ATTACKING
THE TOWN!



UGH...



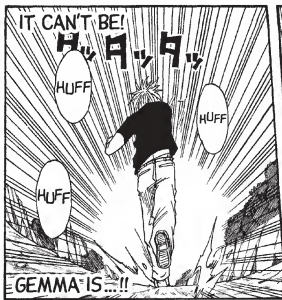
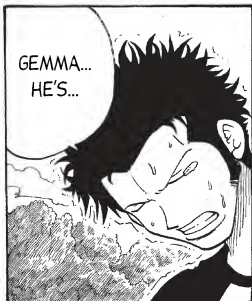
EX-
CEPT
...

I
DON'T
KNOW
...

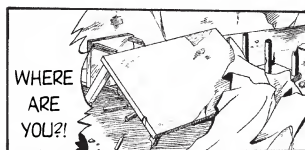
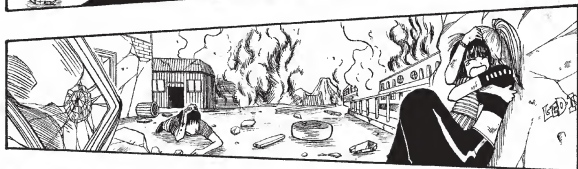
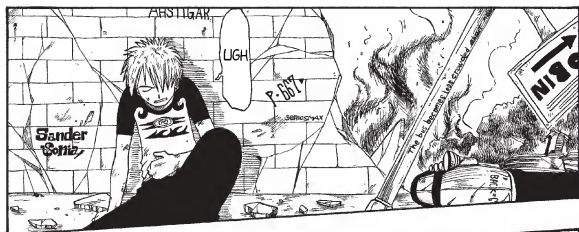


IS
EVERYBODY
OKAY?!

!!



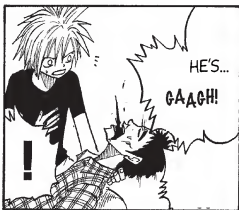








I HAVE
SOMETHING VERY
IMPORTANT TO
TELL YOU, SO
LISTEN CARE-
FULLY...



GALE...

HUUUUH--

GAASP--

DON'T
TALK!!
GEMMA!

COUGH!

BEFORE I
PASS OUT,
I HAVE TO
TELL YOU...

I THINK
I'M
DYING...

THE
BLEEDING
ISN'T
STOPPING...

WHO WOULD DO THIS?

DEMON CARD?!

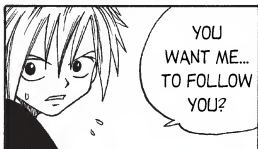
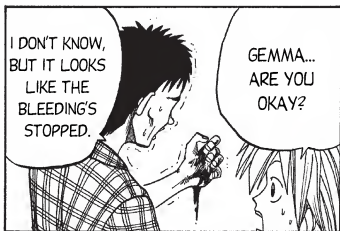
WHA--
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?!

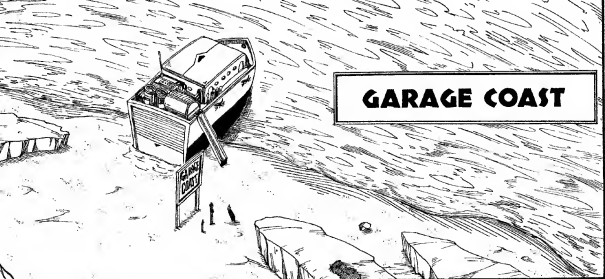
PUUN!

PLUE!

PUUN!

THANK
GOODNESS
YOU'RE
HERE!
GO GET A
DOCTOR!





GARAGE COAST



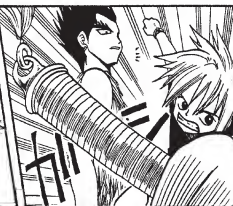
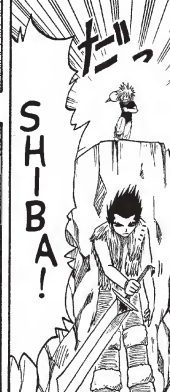
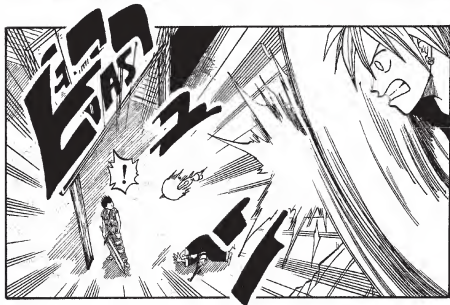
SO EVEN THE
SWORD SAINT
SHIBA CAN'T
WIN AGAINST
AGE, EH,
OLD TIMER?

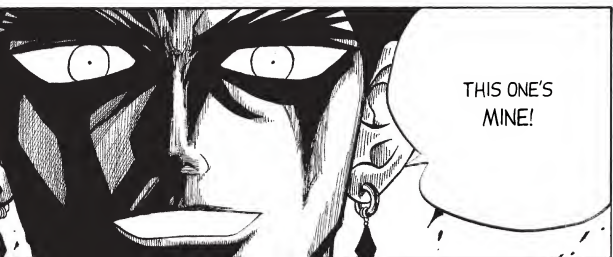
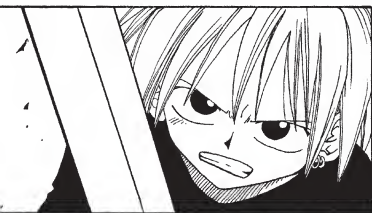
I'LL
TAKE
RAVE.

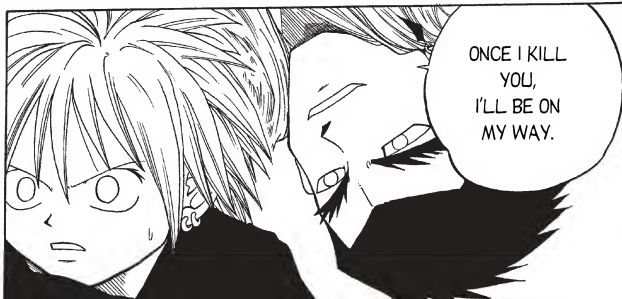


UGH...









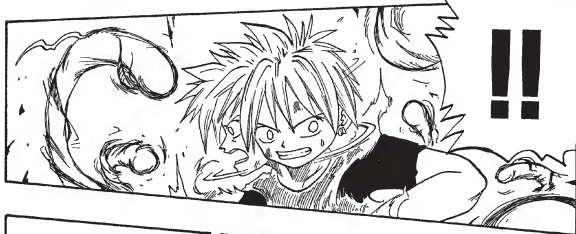


WHAT'S
THE DEAL
WITH
THESE
FLAMES?!!

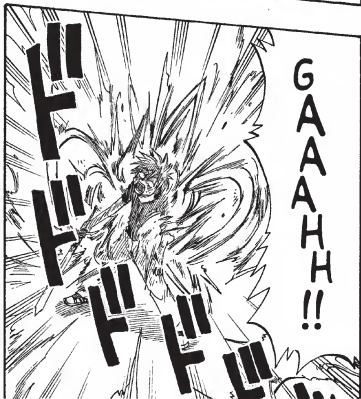
THEY WON'T
GO OUT!!



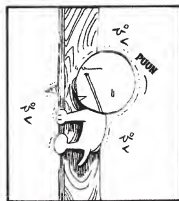
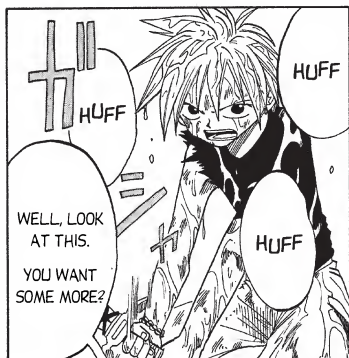
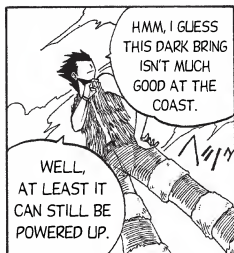
AW,
SNAP!
I'M ON
FIRE!!
OW!
OW!

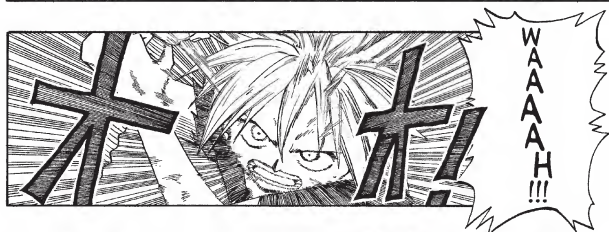


FEELING A LITTLE
HOT UNDER THE
COLLAR? THAT'S
THE POWER OF MY
VALSYAR FLAMES.
THEY KEEP BURNING
UNTIL THEIR TARGET
IS DEAD.



G
A
A
H
H
!!









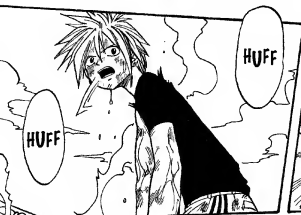
NOOO
!!



UGH!!



THE
DARK
BRING--



HUFF



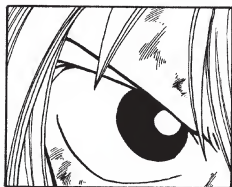
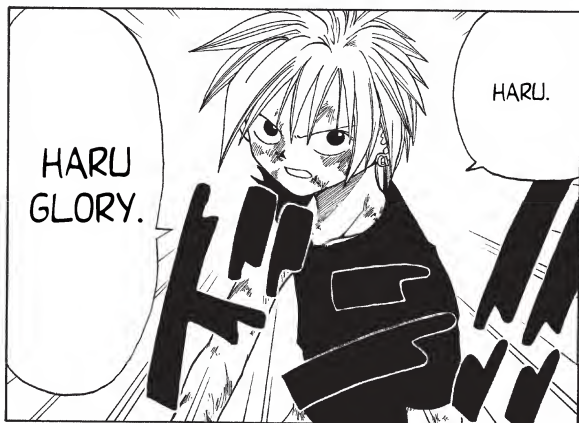
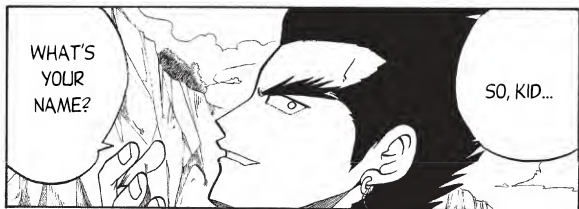
YOU'RE
FUN, KID!

HA HA
HAHAHA-
HA HA!

?



HEH.





HIS KID
WOULD
BE ABOUT
YOUR AGE,
WOULDN'T
HE?

GLORY, AS
IN GALE
GLORY?

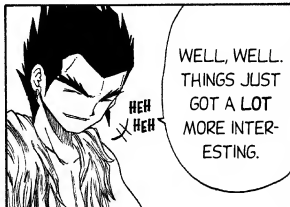


SO YOU
ARE
GALE'S
SON...

HOW DO YOU
KNOW MY
FATHER?!



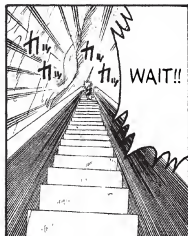
HOW
SHOULD
I KNOW?



WELL, WELL.
THINGS JUST
GOT A LOT
MORE INTER-
ESTING.



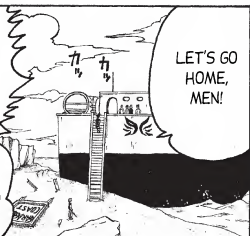
WHERE'S
MY DAD?



WAIT!!

BUT, MASTER SHUDA! THERE'S A RAVE RIGHT THERE! RIPE FOR THE TAKING!

THE DARK BRING WAS DESTROYED. WE'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM NOW.



LET'S GO HOME, MEN!



WE SHOULD OBSERVE HIM FOR A WHILE.

AND BESIDES, THE BRAT IS GALE'S SON. IT'D BE A WASTE TO OFF HIM NOW.

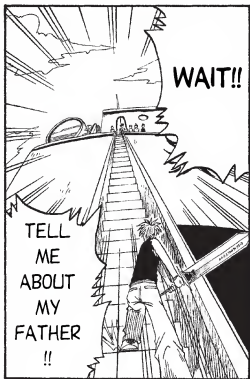


YESSIR!

SHOOT, BUT DON'T KILL HIM.

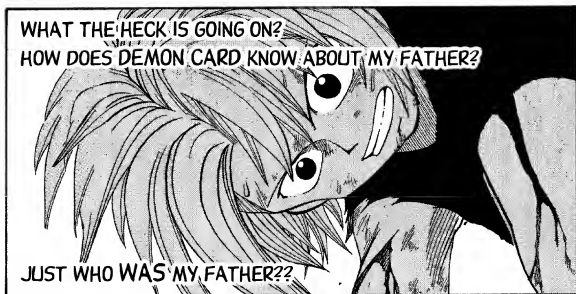
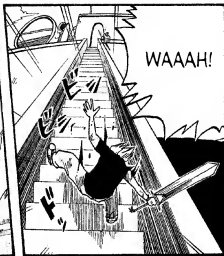


HA HA
HA HA
HA HA!



WAIT!!

TELL ME ABOUT MY FATHER !!



WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?
HOW DOES DEMON CARD KNOW ABOUT MY FATHER?

JUST WHO WAS MY FATHER??



EVERY-
THING'S COOL.
THEY RAN
OFF.

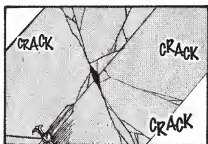
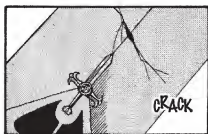
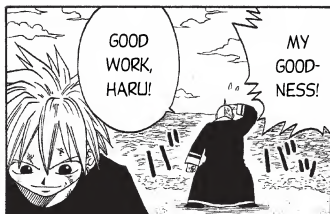
WHAT...
HAPPENED TO
THEM...?

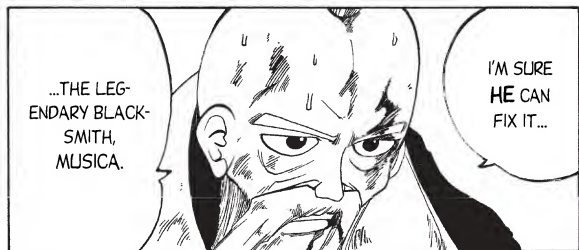
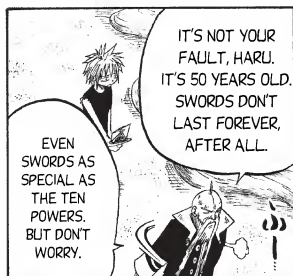
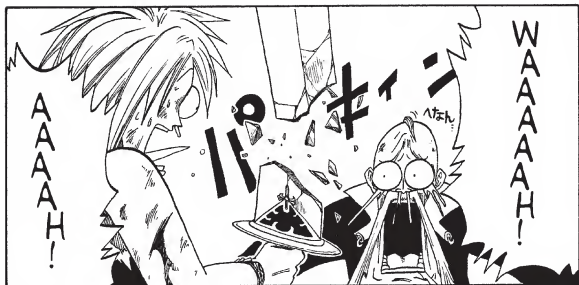
OW OW OW...



SHIBA...

HARU...

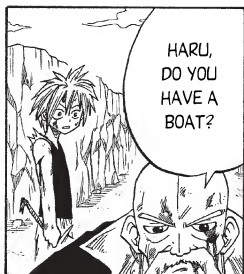




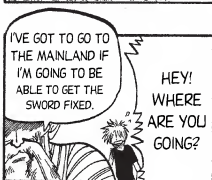


I
SEE...

'FRAID NOT.
THERE'S
NOT A ONE
ANYWHERE
ON THIS
ISLAND.

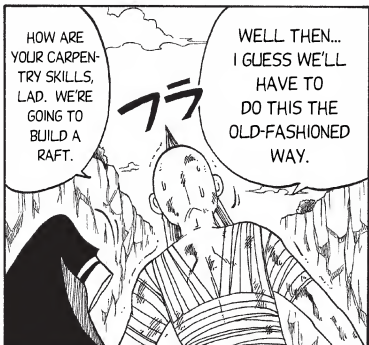


HARU,
DO YOU
HAVE A
BOAT?



I'VE GOT TO GO TO
THE MAINLAND IF
I'M GOING TO BE
ABLE TO GET THE
SWORD FIXED.

HEY!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?



HOW ARE
YOUR CARPEN-
TRY SKILLS,
LAD. WE'RE
GOING TO
BUILD A
RAFT.

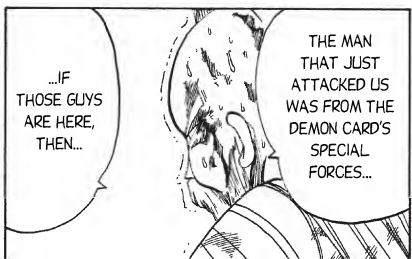
WELL THEN...
I GUESS WE'LL
HAVE TO
DO THIS THE
OLD-FASHIONED
WAY.



YOU
CAN'T
GO LIKE
THAT!



WE D-DON'T
HAVE A
M-MOMENT...
TO...TO-



...IF
THOSE GUYS
ARE HERE,
THEN...

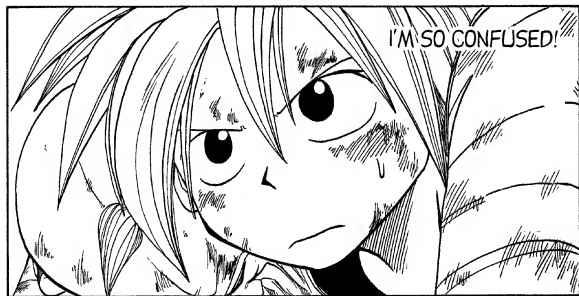
THE MAN
THAT JUST
ATTACKED US
WAS FROM THE
DEMON CARD'S
SPECIAL
FORCES...



SHIBA!!



WHAT SHOULD I DO?



I'M SO CONFUSED!

FIRST RAVE MASTER: THE SWORD SAINT SHIBA



WEAPON: RAVE & SWORD (TEN POWERS)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: NOVEMBER 11, 9992 / 74 YEARS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 155CM / 50KG / AB

BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND

HOBBIES: READING & WRITING

SPECIAL SKILLS: WILL CRY ANYWHERE & EVERYWHERE

LIKES: HIS HOMETLAND (GARAGE ISLAND)

HATES: DARK BRING

Shiba, the coward. He's the character with the most variety of appearance and attitude. Initially, he was supposed to have died, but even with Haru and Plue going off on a fun adventure, his death would have left a bad aftertaste. So he was reborn!

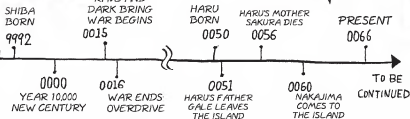
Look forward to his reappearance!!

SHIBA, AS HE
FIRST LOOKED

HE WAS SET UP
AS A PROPHET.



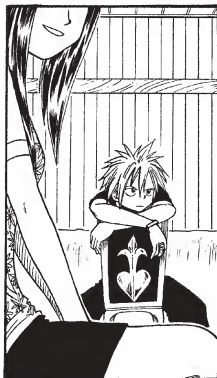
the
**RAVE
MASTER**
TIMELINE
at a glance



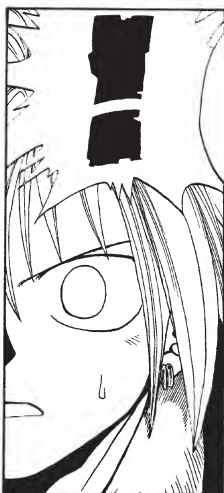
RAVE MASTER

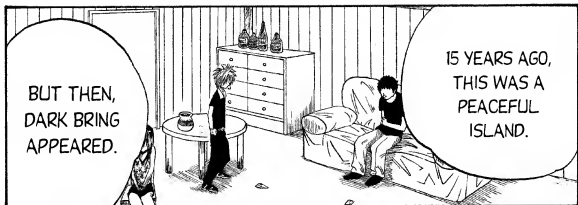


RAVE: 4  STAIRWAY TO THE UNKNOWN









THAT
DAY, 15
YEARS
AGO...

GALE DIDN'T
ABANDON YOU.

HE'S
SLEEP-
ING...

WHERE
IS
HARU?

I
MUST.

I HOPE
YOU CAN
FIND
RAVE,
DADDY.

ぐす、ぐす...

CATTLEYA,
DON'T CRY,
NOW. SAY
BYE-BYE TO
DADDY.

I SEE...
I WONDER HOW BIG
HE'LL BE WHEN I
GET BACK. I CAN'T
WAIT TO SEE HOW
HE GROWS UP.

BUT...
BUT...!

CATTLEYA,
PLEASE DON'T CRY.
THAT MAKES IT
HARDER TO SAY
GOODBYE.

HEE,
HEE...
YEAH.



GALE! THE
SHIP'S
READY TO
SET SAIL!



TAKE
CARE NOW,
SAKURA,
CATTLEYA.



DADDY!



GRIN

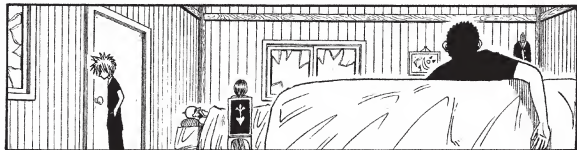


SOMETHING BIG
MUST HAVE
HAPPENED TO
KEEP HIM
AWAY.

GALE IS
JUST LIKE YOU.
HE COULD NEVER
BETRAY HIS FAMILY.

DAD LEFT
TO SAVE
THE
WORLD?

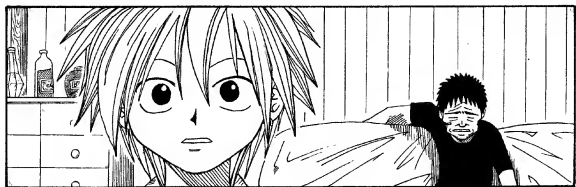
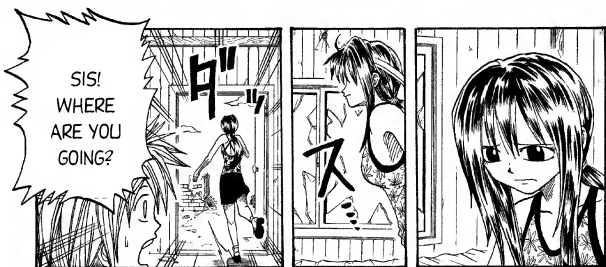
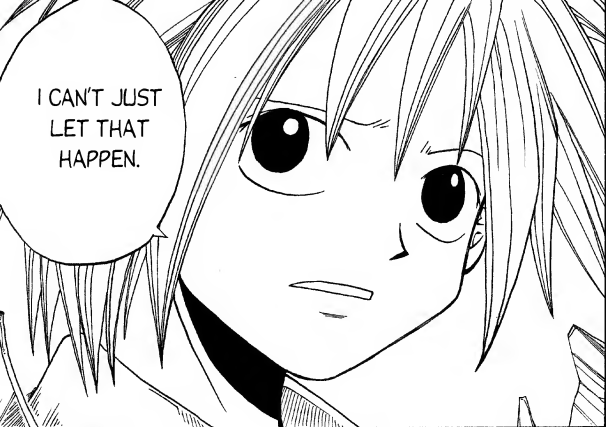
SO THAT'S
WHAT
HAPPENED?

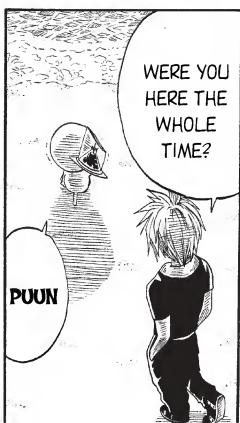
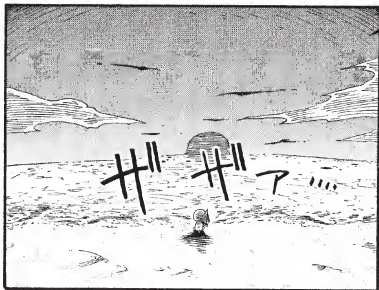


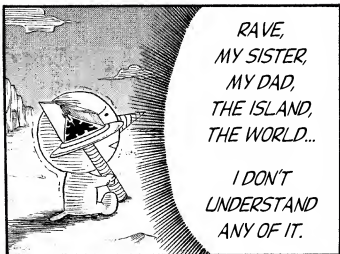
THOSE GUYS
AREN'T GOING TO
STOP WITH OUR
TOWN. THERE'LL
BE MORE TOWNS,
MORE DESTRUC-
TION.

I THINK I CAN
RELATE.









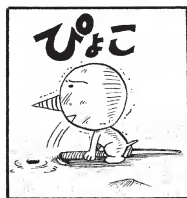
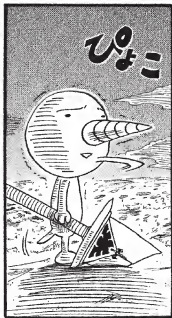
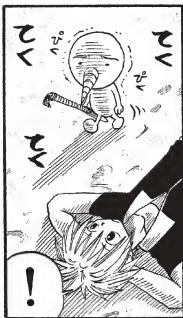
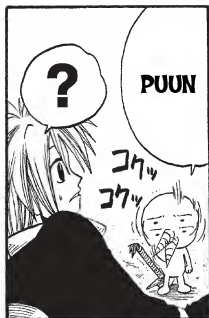
RAVE,
MY SISTER,
MY DAD,
THE ISLAND,
THE WORLD...

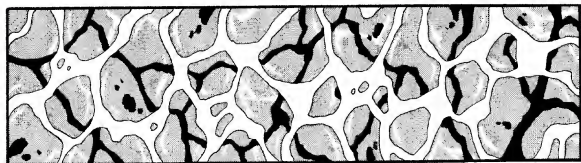
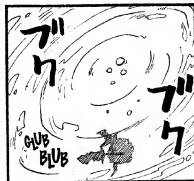
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
ANY OF IT.

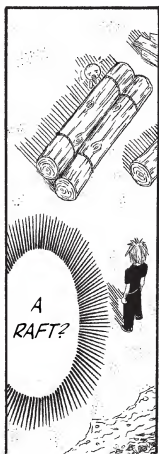
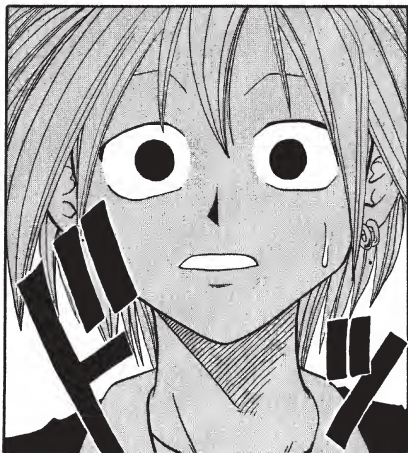
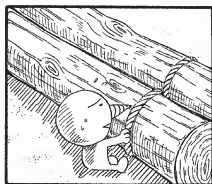
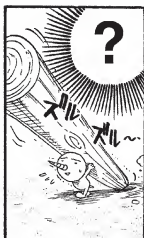


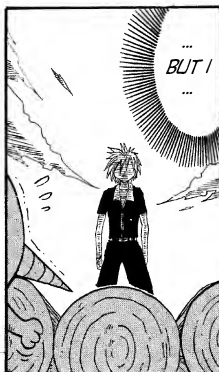
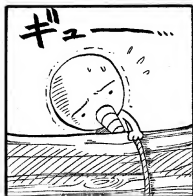
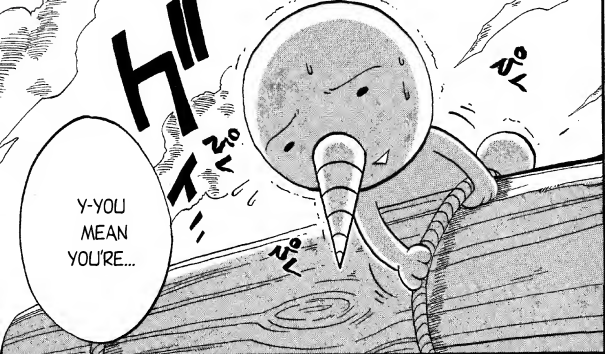
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
I SHOULD
DO?

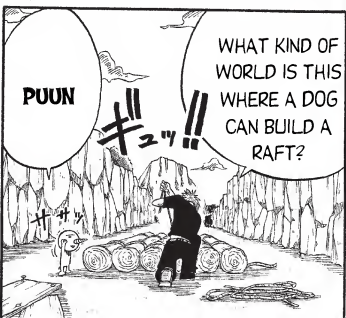
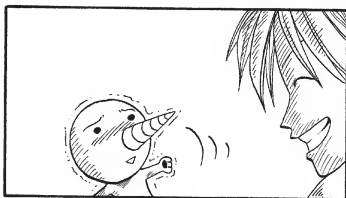
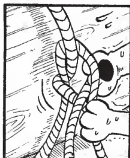
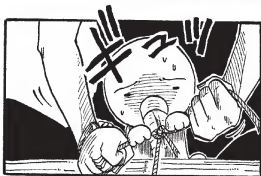
WHAT
ABOUT
ME?

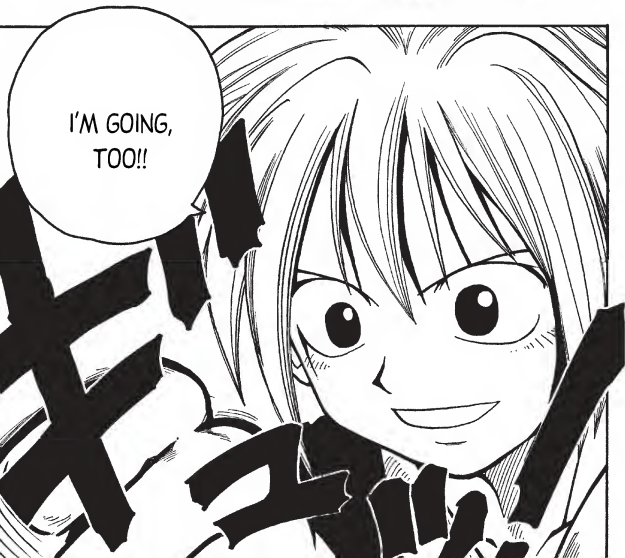
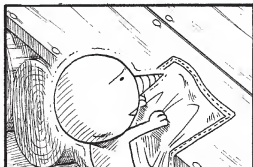
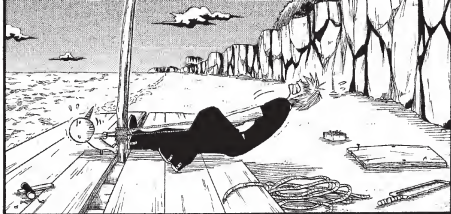


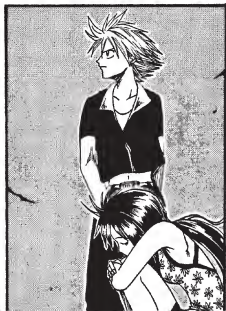
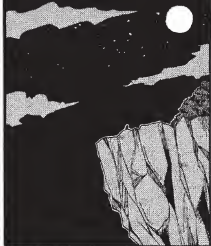










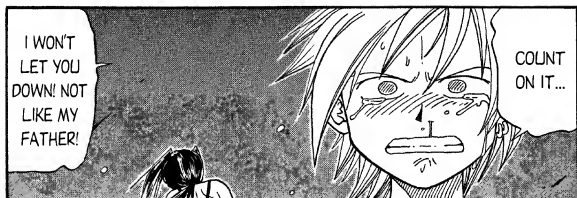




...I WILL
RETURN.

YOU CAN
COUNT ON
IT.







YAAAHH!!

AH, WHO CARES.
YOU DON'T UNDER-
STAND ANYTHING,
ANYWAY.

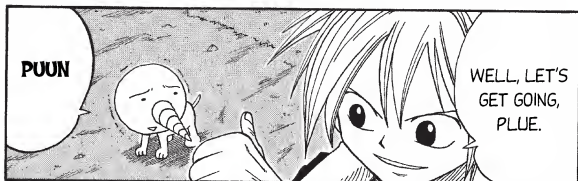


I DON'T
APPROVE!
IT'S MAD-
NESS!



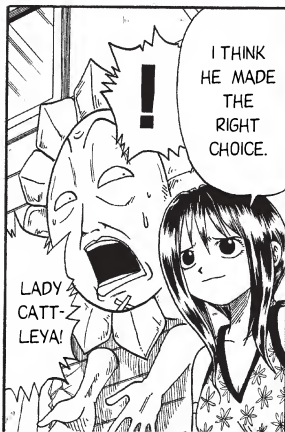
...SO
THAT'S
WHAT
I'LL
DO.

ARE YOU
SERIOUS,
YOUNG
MASTER?!



PUUN

WELL, LET'S
GET GOING,
PLUE.



! I THINK
HE MADE
THE
RIGHT
CHOICE.

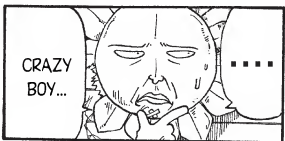
LADY
CATT-
LEYA!



TAKE CARE,
NAKAJIMA!

TELL GEMMA
I SAID BYE.

HEY,
WAIT!



CRAZY
BOY...

....



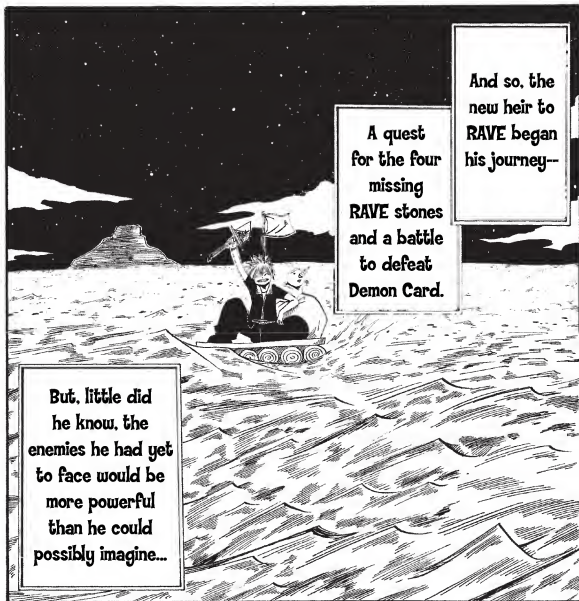


PUUN

WELL,
LET'S GO,
PLUE!



FIRST, WE
HAVE TO SAIL
TO THE MAIN-
LAND TO GET
THE SWORD
FIXED.



And so, the
new heir to
RAVE began
his journey--

A quest
for the four
missing
RAVE stones
and a battle
to defeat
Demon Card.

But, little did
he know, the
enemies he had yet
to face would be
more powerful
than he could
possibly imagine...

TO BE CONTINUED

HARU'S SISTER: CATTLEYA

WEAPON: NONE (USED TO DO A LITTLE KENDO)
BIRTHDAY/AGE: AUGUST 5, 0046 / 20 YEARS
HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 166CM / 46KG / A
BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND
HOBBIES: COOKING, LAUNDRY
SPECIAL SKILLS: KARAOKE (SELF-DESCRIBED
"BEST ON THE ISLAND")
LIKES: HER FAMILY
HATES: HER EX-BOYFRIEND

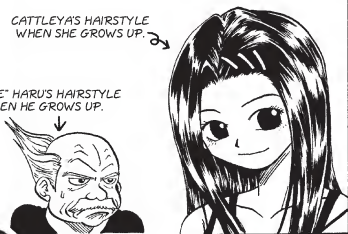
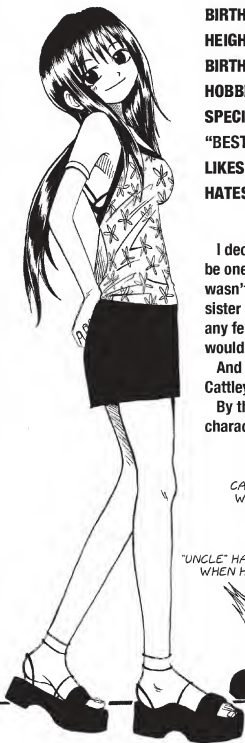
I decided from the very beginning that there would be one other person in Haru's family. Initially, it wasn't a sister, it was an uncle. I changed it to a sister because otherwise there wouldn't have been any female characters until the 4th chapter, and THAT would've been tacky (laugh).

And so I thought, "Ah, I'll make it a sister!" and Cattleya was born!

By the way, that was also when the Nakajima character was born, too (laugh).

CATTLEYA'S HAIRSTYLE
WHEN SHE GROWS UP.

"UNCLE" HARU'S HAIRSTYLE
WHEN HE GROWS UP.



CAFE TSUBOMI'S SECOND OWNER GEMMA



WEAPON: GUN (99 MAGNUM)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: JUNE 13, 0016 / 51 YEARS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: 175CM / 60KG / A

BIRTHPLACE: GARAGE ISLAND

HOBBIES: MAKING GREAT COFFEE

SPECIAL SKILLS: LAUGHING NON-STOP FOR 24 HOURS

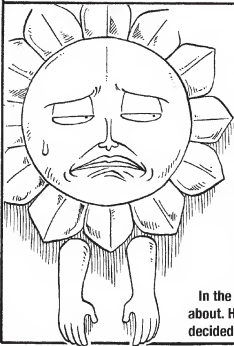
LIKES: GAG COMICS

HATES: WORRYING

Gemma ended up a more important character than initially planned.

He's the spitting image of one of my friends, who was the model for the character. His hand movements were awkward, and he would always burst out laughing. Tame (22) and I are just showing our age (laugh).

By the way, the name "Gemma" means "flower bud" in Latin, just like "Tsubomi" means "flower bud" in Japanese.



THE MYSTERIOUS LIFEFORM: NAKAJIMA

WEAPON: NONE (BUT ACCORDING TO HIM, HE CAN USE HIS FEATHERS AS WEAPONS IF NEED BE)

BIRTHDAY/AGE: UNKNOWN / UNKNOWN

HEIGHT/WEIGHT/BLOODTYPE: (IT'S UNCERTAIN HOW TO MEASURE THESE) UNKNOWN / UNKNOWN / N-DUCK

BIRTHPLACE: AKAPERIA ISLAND (THERE SEEM TO BE MANY SUCH CREATURES ON THAT ISLAND)

HOBBIES: STUDYING

SPECIAL SKILLS: CATCHING INSECTS

LIKES: TULIPS

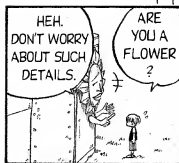
HATES: RAIN AND SNOW

In the beginning, he was the character I got the most questions about. He seemed more popular than I would have thought, so I decided to let him reappear.

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LEVIN MINDS THE HOUSE

#1: Hanging with Nakajima



RAVE

M A S T E R

BEFORE I BEGIN, I WANT TO SAY "THANK YOU, WITH ALL MY GRATITUDE!!" TO ALL MY READERS. THE FIRST VOLUME OF RAVE IS FINALLY ON SALE. IT'S MY FIRST GRAPHIC NOVEL EVER. IT MAKES ME SUPER HAPPY!!

IN EACH VOLUME, I'LL USE THIS SPACE TO GIVE YOU THE INSIDE STORY ON RAVE OR FOR OTHER THINGS I FEEL LIKE WRITING ABOUT. FOR THIS FIRST VOLUME, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED ME OUT OR CHEERED ME ON AS I WORKED ON THIS SERIES. (SORRY FOR SUDDENLY GETTING INTO MY OWN PERSONAL AFFAIRS.)

FIRST OFF, THANKS TO MATSUKI, MY MANAGER, WHO SUPPORTED MY WORK FROM THE TIME I WAS JUST BEGINNING. TO YOSHIDA, THE VETERAN EDITOR WHO'S WORKED WITH ME SINCE THE PLANNING STAGES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! TO OGAWA, THE COVER DESIGNER FROM KODANSHA COMICS AND ISHII, THE MANAGER FROM KODANSHA COMICS, I AM TRULY THANKFUL. AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT WHO CHEERED ME ON AND GAVE ME ADVICE. AND AS ALWAYS, THANKS TO MY ASSISTANTS, NAKAMURA, YAMA AND YUKA!! THANKS TO THE TWO "A" SISTERS, WHO HELPED ME OUT ON CHAPTER 3! AND LOTS OF THANKS TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS! OH, AND TO THE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO LET ME GRADUATE (LAUGH)! TO ALL MY READERS, THANK YOU!! AND FINALLY, THANK YOU TO THOSE AT WEEKLY SHONEN MAGAZINE FOR LETTING THIS WORK BE SERIALIZED!!

I'LL KEEP TRYING MY BEST! PLEASE KEEP LENDING ME YOUR SUPPORT, EVERYONE!!

YOSHIDA
YOSHIDA.

RAVE MASTER

Volume 2 Preview

SMELLS LIKE ANOTHER TEEN HERO

*STRAP ON YOUR SWORDS AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.
DARK BRING IS LOOSE AND OUR DEFENSE
IS THE NEW RAVE MASTER, HARU GLORY.
IN VOLUME 2 YOU'LL READ HIS STORY.*

*YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW DOES IT GO,
HOW DOES IT GO?
HOW DOES IT GO,
HOW DOES IT GO?*

*YOU CAN BET THAT HIS ROAD'S DANGEROUS,
BUT REST ASSURED, IT'LL ENTERTAIN US.
HERE HE GOES NOW ON HIS INSANE QUEST--
HIS GLIDE PLUE.
HE WAS DOG-NAPPED.
NOW HE'S ENTERED
IN A DOG RACE.
YEAH!*

*HARU MEETS ELLIE AT THE TRACK.
SHE'S SPLUNKY, CUTE AND HAS A RACKET
GOING ON AT THIS GAMBLING DEN,
'TIL DEMON CARD COMES BARGING IN.*

*AND NOW SHE'LL GO,
SHE'LL GO, SHE'LL GO, SHE'LL GO WITH HARU.
SHE'LL GO, SHE'LL GO, SHE'LL GO WITH HARU.*

